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## ATLANTIC BLUE RIBAND.

## INTERNATIONAL RIVALRY.

## CUNARD'S REPLY TO FRANCE.

London, Dec. 23.

The temporary abandonment of work on the giant Cunarder on the Clyde remains one of the foremost topics of the hour, has in fact, been enlivened by the speech of the French Minister of the Merchantile Marine in Paris yesterday.

It will be recalled that M. Chappedelaine said that if the Cunard Line abandoned their ship, the French would do the same, but he was awaiting the result of negotiations with the Cunard Line.

No Communication.

In an interview to-day, the Cunard Company stated that they had not received any communication from the French Government or from the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique in regard to cessation of building.

The Cunard Company are aware, it was stated, that after the recent visit of M. Laval to Berlin, the Franco-German steamship companies had been discussing a limitation of tonnage, but the new Cunarder was necessary for the Company's express services of mail steamers to the United States.

The Cunard Company point out that since 1914, when the Aquitania, the last express ship built by Cunard commenced her career, the French line had built two express liners and were constructing a third of similar tonnage to the new Cunarder, while the Germans had introduced the Bremen and the Europa, both of fifty-thousand tons and both capable of outspeeding anything else on the Atlantic run.

The Italians, in the meantime, are building two vessels of about fifty thousand tons, having already added to the strength of their Atlantic fleet.

The Opposition.

The Paris (32,000 tons), the de France (43,000 tons), Roma (40,000 tons), Augustus (32,000 tons), Conte di Savoia (48,000 tons), Statendam (30,000 tons) together with the Europa and Bremen have been placed, in competition with British ships since the war, while the only vessels hitherto have been the Empress of Britain and the Britannic.—Reuter.

## STATE ASSISTANCE.

## FRENCH CHAMBER AND ATLANTIC LINE.

Paris, Dec. 23.

The Chamber to-day adopted by 3,100 to 221 a Bill authorising State assistance to the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, which was referred back to Committee yesterday as a mark of protest regarding the Company's handling of its affairs.—Reuter.

## ROBBERY IN CITY OFFICE.

## SECOND VISIT IN A MONTH.

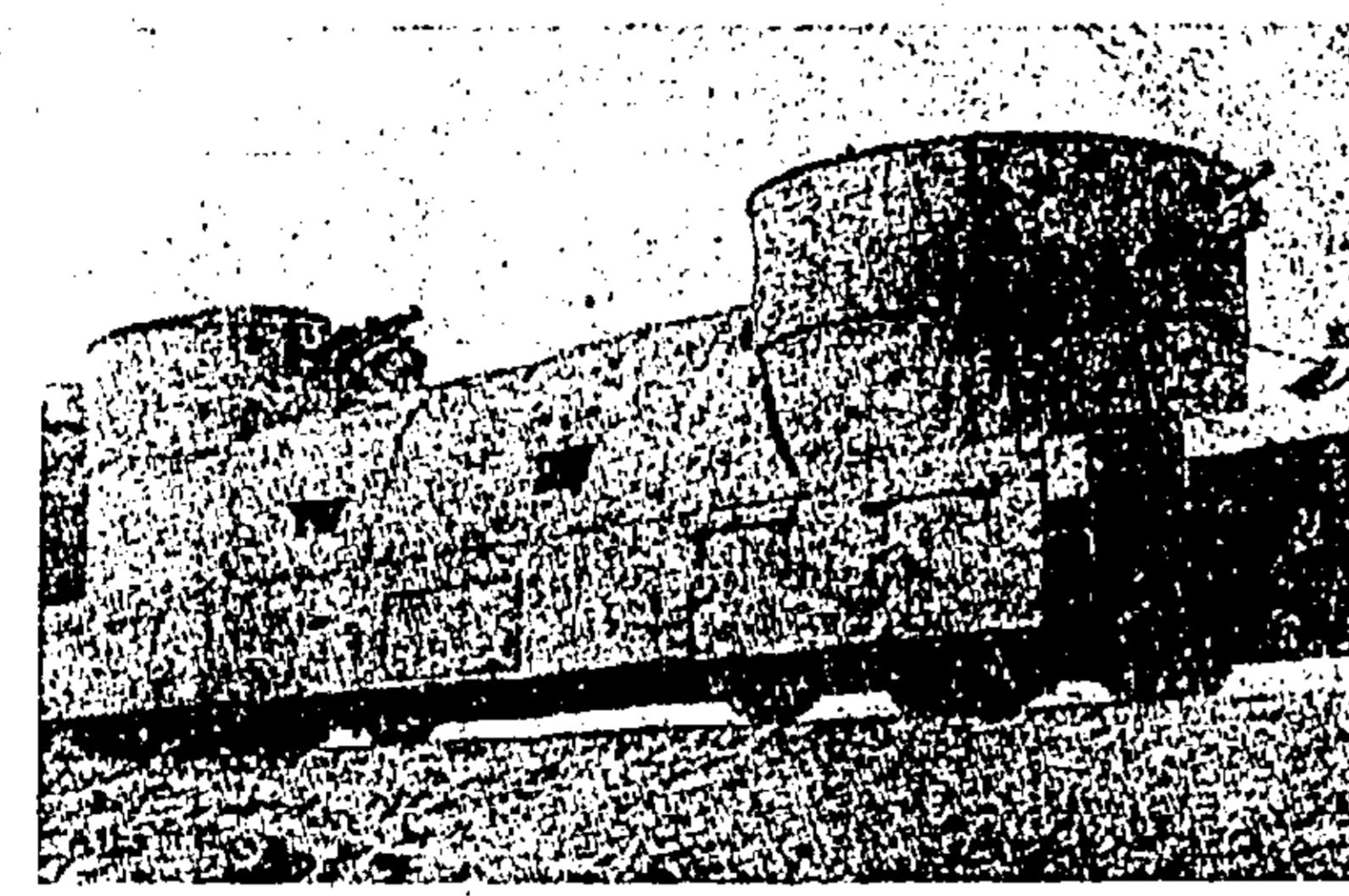
For the second time within a month, the offices of Messrs. Pen-treath & Co., in Alexandra Building have been broken into by thieves and property stolen.

On returning to the office yesterday morning, Mr. G. A. Pen-treath discovered that a G.E.C. light, three tins of cigarettes, three note-books, and a man's vest were missing. The total value of these articles was \$110.

Evidence was left behind of an entry having been effected by forcing the skylight over a window.

Those who entered the resi-dence of Dr. D. K. Sam, at No. 3, Beautiful Terrace, early yesterday morning, through a kitchen window, stole clothing and ornaments valued by the owner at \$65.

## WARNING OF GREATER WORLD CATASTROPHE.



One of Chang Hsueh Liang's armored trains, of the type which is reported to have been engaged in a stiff fight with Japanese forces yesterday. They are not the usual equipment of bandits.

## CHRISTMAS WAR IN MANCHURIA.

## LEAGUE CIRCLES INCREASINGLY ANXIOUS.

## CHINA APPEAL LIKELY.

DEVELOPMENTS in League circles are expected to follow upon the Japanese "anti-bandit" operations in Manchuria, particularly in view of the report of a stiff engagement on the Peking-Mukden Railway between a Chinese armoured train and Japanese forces.

Chinese circles in touch with M. Briand are protesting against the scope of the Japanese offensive and it is expected that an appeal to the League will be made.

## CONFERENCE IN PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 23. The fact that the personnel of the League's Commission of Inquiry into the Manchuria problem, as drafted at Geneva, still awaits definite appointment and the sanction of the Chinese and Japanese Governments, was made clear this afternoon.

A lengthy discussion took place at the Foreign Office between M. Briand, Mr. Yoshizawa, now Japanese Foreign Minister, although not formally installed, and Mr. Hoo, who is taking the place of Dr. Alfred Sze.

Dr. Alfred Sze, who has hitherto conducted negotiations on behalf of China is now in England, not fully recovered from his illness.

Chin-chow Situation.

It is understood that the discussions to-day centred upon the delicate situation at Chin-chow and the reported ultimatum to Chang Hsueh-Liang, and upon the question of the composition of the Commission of Inquiry.

It is stated that it is impossible at the moment to submit a complete list of the members as certain of the persons invited have not yet replied.

It is understood that the Earl of Lytton, the proposed chairman of the Commission, is among those who have not yet indicated their readiness to serve.

Chinese Alarmed.

The scale of the Japanese "anti-bandit" operations have caused serious misgivings in Chinese quarters in Peking and induced Mr. Hoo to make a report thereon to M. Briand, seeking a discussion of possible eventualities.

It is understood that in the event of any Japanese action which the Chinese regard as contravening Article Two of the last League resolution, China will again make an appeal to the League Council, which will officially have the matter in hand in accordance with Article Six of the resolution.

In Article Two, the parties to the dispute undertake to adopt all measures necessary to avoid further aggravation of the dispute.

It is considered likely that China will make an appeal unless Japanese

## BASLE EXPERTS' REPORT. COMMON ACTION DEMANDED.

Basle, Dec. 23. The keenly-awaited Report of the Committee of banking experts, the Advisory Committee under the Young Plan, was completed and issued for publication this evening.

The chief finding of the Committee is that Germany will be unable to pay the conditional annuities under the Young Plan when the Hoover Moratorium arrangement expires in July next.

The report says that the collapse of world trade has increased Germany's burdens.

The problem is grave, demanding common action by all Governments. Otherwise, the experts issue warning, there will be further catastrophe.

The Report urges the restoration of confidence by the adaptation of all debts as between countries, namely, reparations and other debts.—Reuter.

## MORATORIUM BILL AMERICAN RATIFICATION

Washington, Dec. 23. President Hoover to-day signed the Moratorium Bill, which has passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, thus completing the ratification of the breathing-space granted to Europe.—Reuter.

Vienna, Dec. 23. The National Council has adopted all three Bills for the reconstruction of the Credit Anstalt, which failed recently.—Reuter.

## STERLING IMPROVES. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES ADVANCE.

London, Dec. 23. With Christmas at hand, the stock markets are quiet but, following the news from Washington of the ratification of the Hoover Moratorium, the prices of Government securities advanced by a quarter or more all round.

On foreign exchange, sterling improved.

On New York, the pound rose from 3.40½ to close at 3.42½. France has also moved in favour of London at 87½.—British Wireless.

## EUROPEAN CURRENCY LINKED WITH STERLING.

Copenhagen, Dec. 18. That the fate of the Danish krone and other European currencies depended upon the fate of the pound sterling, was strongly emphasised to-day in a statement made by the Minister of Finance, Mr. Brammaas, in an interview with pressmen on the future of the Danish currency.

Mr. Brammaas stated that Denmark could not dream either of returning to the gold standard or of stabilising the krone until the world knew what would become of the pound sterling whose future was as yet completely dark.

In conclusion, the Minister intimated that the government would shortly approach the British Government with a view of learning its intentions regarding the pound sterling.

His Worship (to Detective Inspector Roszowsky):—Where was he arrested?

Detective Sergeant Roszowsky:—In Sampan Street.

His Worship:—There are no churchmen there.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed. The defendant was deported for a term of ten years on November 18th last.

## GOVERNOR DAVIS RESIGNING. EXPECTED CHANGE IN PHILIPPINES.

Washington, Dec. 19. After a conference to-day with President Hoover and the Secretary of War, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Dwight F. Davis indicated that he was considering resigning as Governor General of the Philippines.

In connection with reports in the British Journalist and Chinese news alluding to the chairman of the Board of the Chinese Eastern Railway has agreed to concede to Japan the northern section of the railway, and also questions.—Reuter.

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## THE CONTINENT IN THE GRIP OF KING FROST.

## OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS FOR EUROPE.

## HEAVY SNOWSTORMS RAGING IN SOUTHERN REGIONS.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Dec. 23.

The whole of the European landscape is set for a good old-fashioned White Christmas—except in the British Isles.

From all parts of the Continent to-day have come reports showing that the people are experiencing a cold spell which is the most intense for many years, particularly in the southern regions. Icy conditions prevail everywhere.

### Germany's Snow Carpet.

South Germany is blanketed with a huge carpet of snow.

Both France and Spain report heavy falls of snow in many provinces.

The Riviera is well in the grip of King Frost and Portugal is experiencing its coldest winter for many years.

In Rome, the sprays of many fountains are frozen before they complete their fall.

No Mail For Corsica.

At Florence, the River Arno is ice-bound, and Corsica has been without mails for two days because of severe snowstorms.

Another great snowstorm is raging over the Black Sea, while ice has paralysed all traffic in the Sea of Marmora.

Along the South Coast of England, however, the weather is "fair and warmer." The weather reports

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J. C. C. Davidson Lord Lothian.

M.P. who was born in India.

Lord Dufferin, the fourth Marquis. His grandfather was a Viceroy of India.

Sir John Kerr, late of the Indian Civil Service, and former Governor of Assam.

Major J. Milner, solicitor and Labour M.P. Formerly Deputy Lord Mayor of Leeds.

The Hon. Miss Mary Pickford, younger daughter of Lord Stornoway, Master of the Rolls. Miss Pickford was technical adviser to the Government delegates at the International Labour Conferences at Geneva, 1927-28.

Finance Committee.

The following will serve on the Committee which is to put to the test of detailed budgetary facts and figures, the recommendations of the Federal Finance Sub-committee.

Lord Eustace Percy, former Minister of Education, Chairman.

Sir Louis Kershaw, formerly of the Indian Civil Service and Assistant Under-Secretary at the India Office in 1924.

Mr. F. P. Robinson, a financial expert.

State Finance Inquiry.

The British members of the Committee which is to explore more fully the specific financial problems existing in connection with the individual States will be:

Mr. J. C. Davidson, Chancellor

of the Duchy of Lancaster and former chairman of the Conservative Party, Chairman.

Lord Hastings.

Sir Robert Trewhella, former Liberal Chief Whip.

Sir Roderick Gleave, who spent 20 years in the Indian Civil Service and was appointed chairman of the Board of the Nizam's Railways in 1920.

Sir Maurice Gwyer, a noted collector, Governor-General and Collector to the Treasury since 1929. Chief Political adviser to the Home Conference in 1929.

It is stated that further arrangements regarding the scope and character of the committee's work will be issued shortly.

British Wireless.

## Cabinet Acts Quickly.

## Three Committees for India.

## BRITISH MEMBERS APPOINTED.

London, Dec. 24. The National Cabinet is waiting no time in following up the decisions of the Round Table Conference.

The names were announced this morning of the British members of the Committees to continue the examination in India of the matters arising out of the discussions in London which the Prime Minister in his statement of December 1, at the final session of the conference, said it was the intention of the Government to appoint.

These members of the committees are proceeding to India on January 14. The names of the Indian members will be announced as soon as possible.

Franchise Committee.

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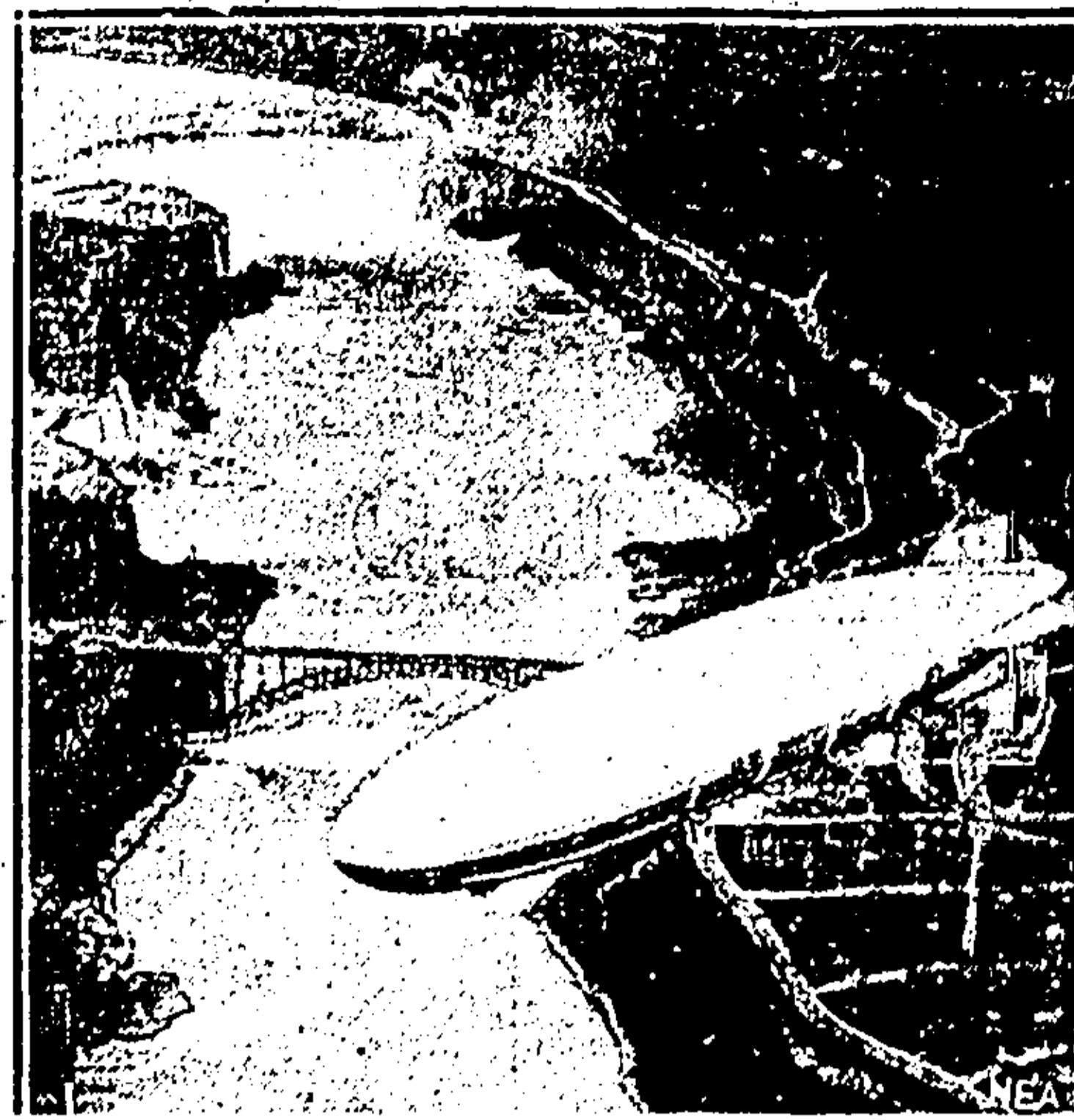
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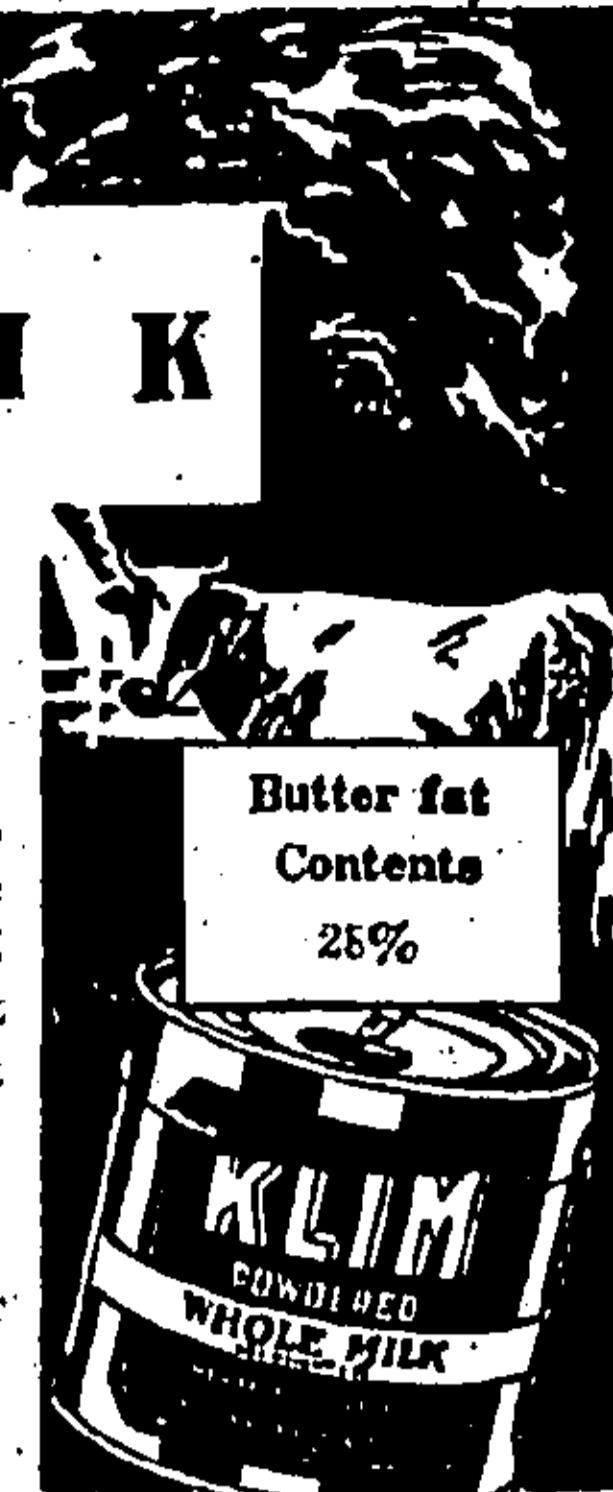
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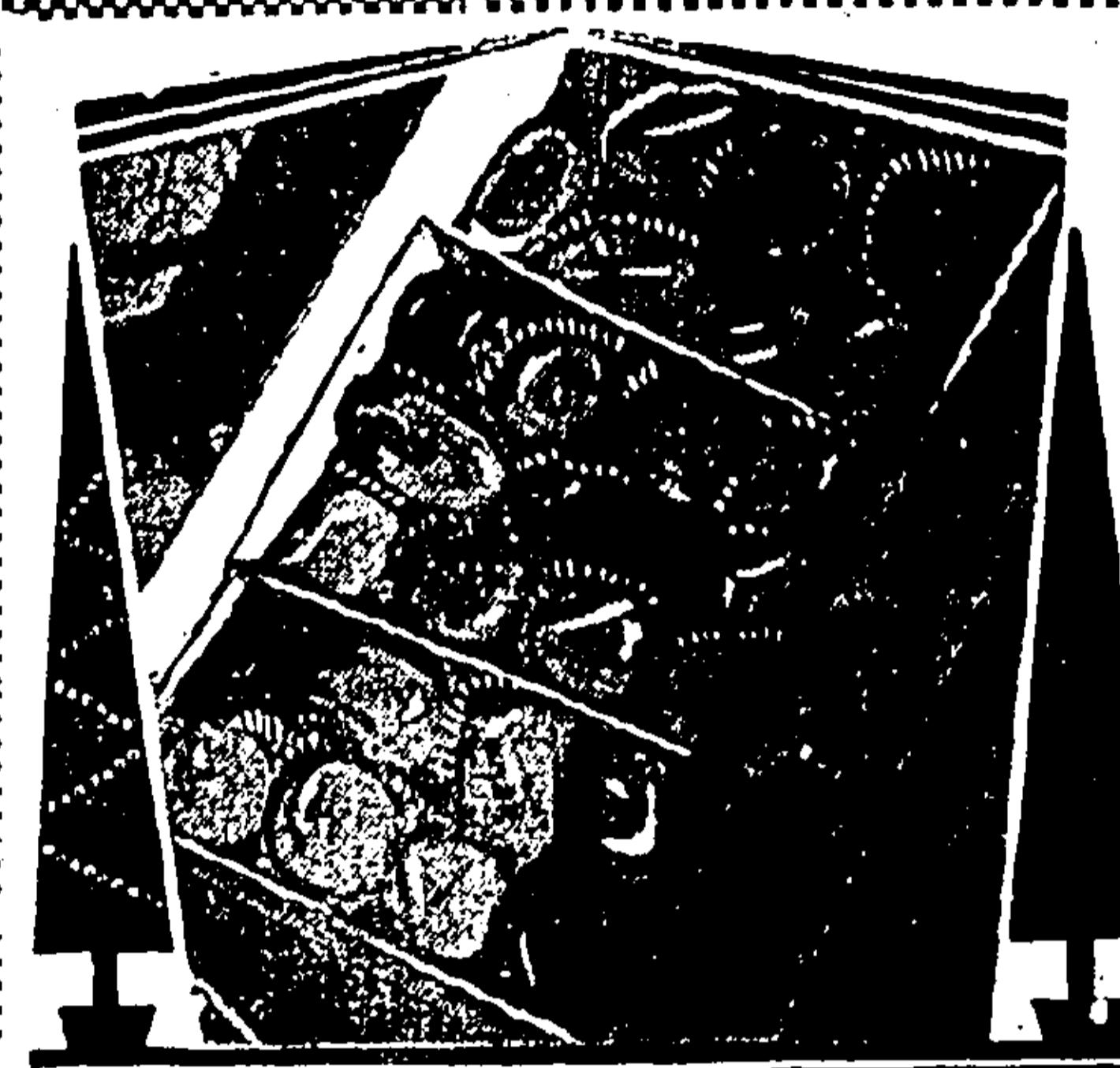
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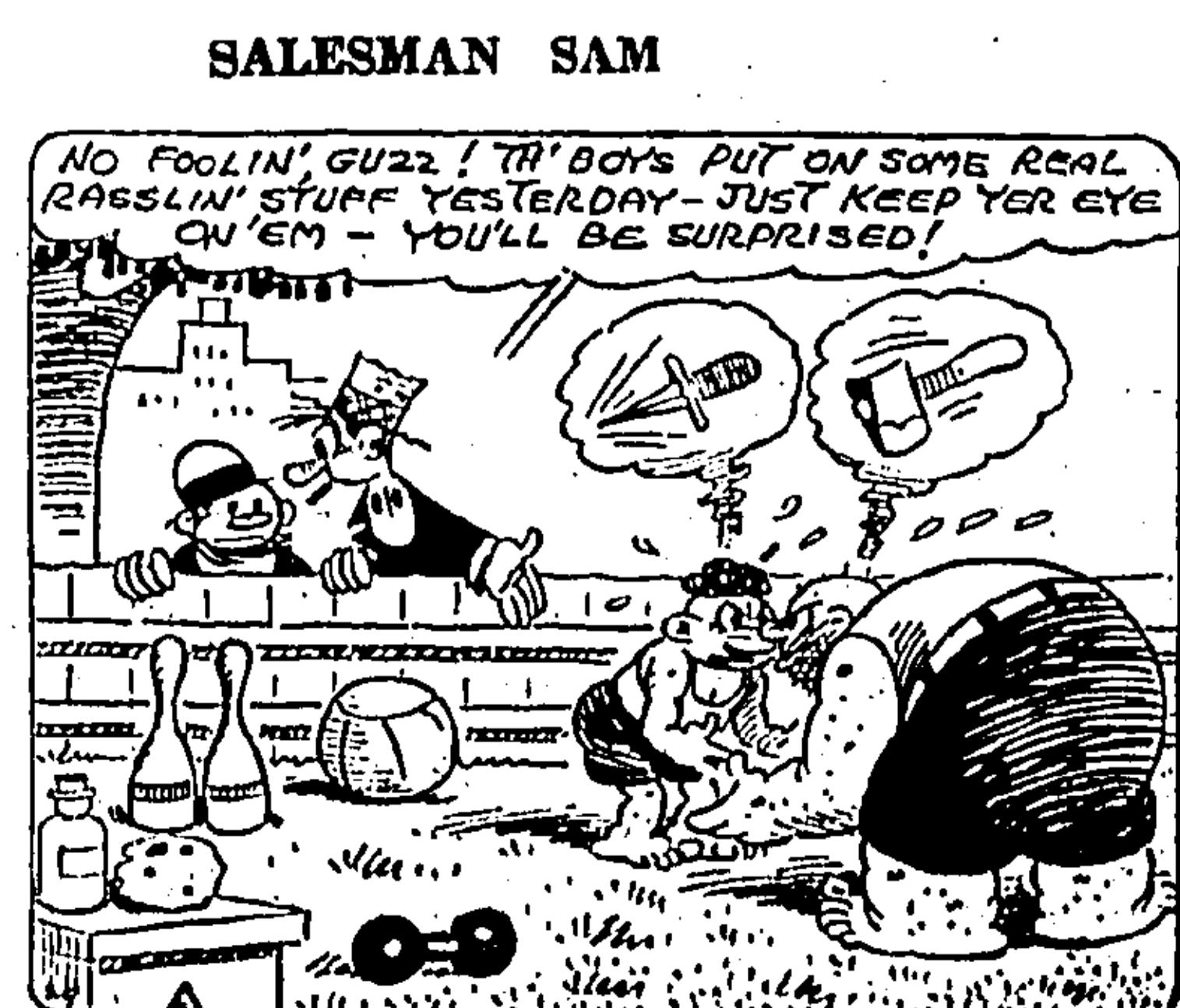
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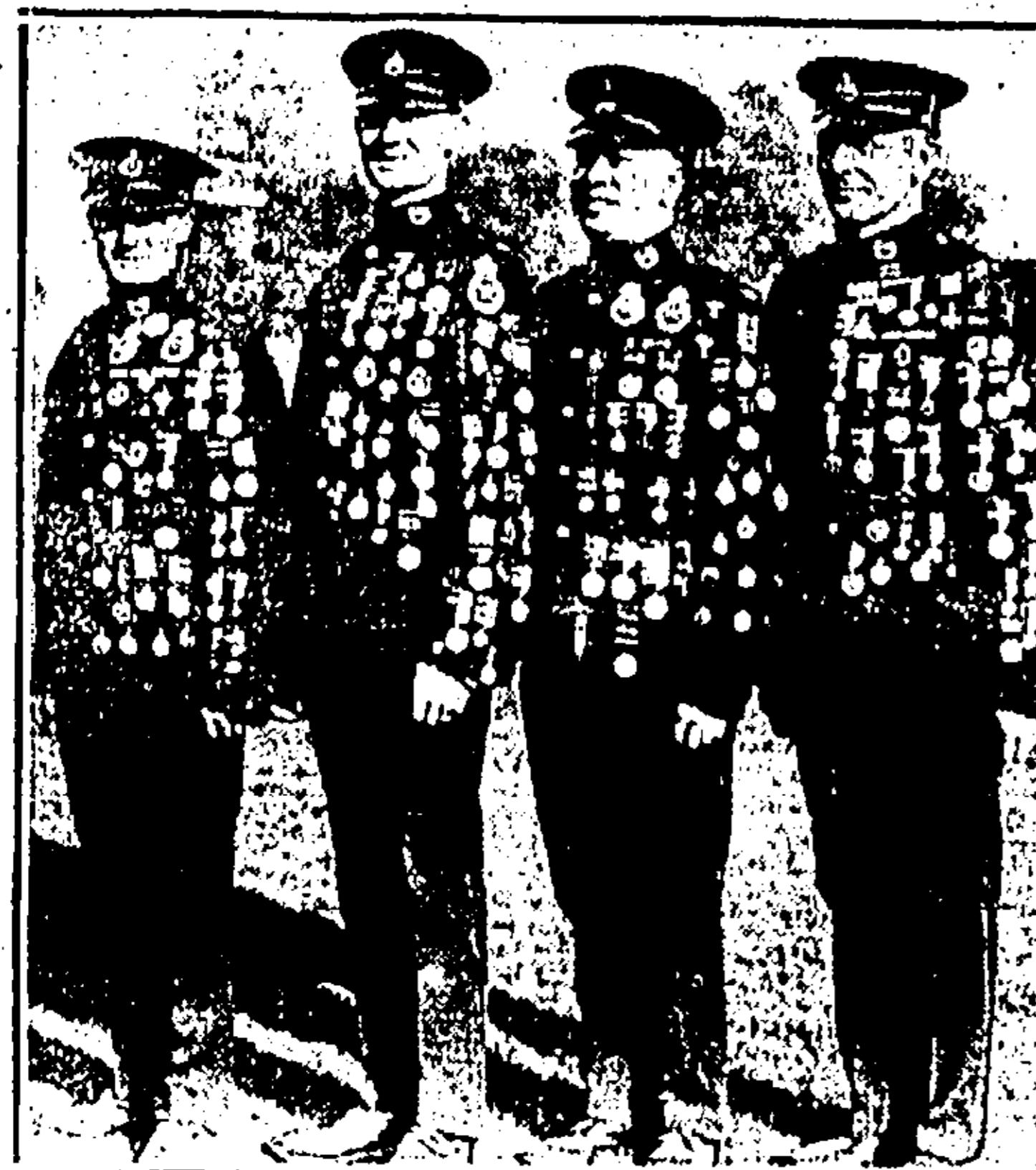
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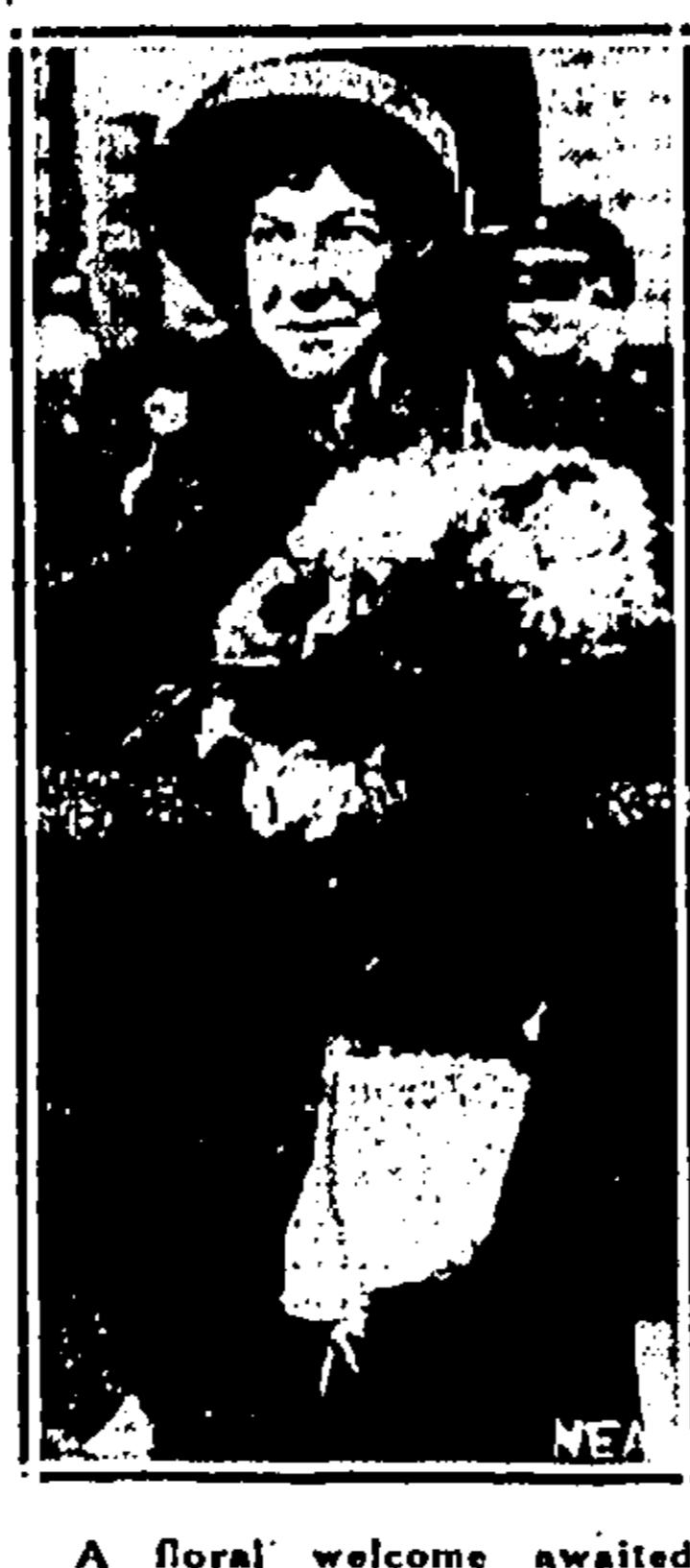
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A floral welcome awaited Commander Evangeline Booth, of the Salvation Army, when she visited Stockholm.



When Miss Betty Robinson went to the dog show at the Crystal Palace, to choose a pet, this was the one she selected. When this picture was taken the huge St. Bernard, was warning the photographer that the big black box had better not threaten any harm to his newly adopted mistress.

## Gems of Peril

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BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Rich old Mrs. Jupiter is robbed and murdered during the engagement party she gives for her secretary, Mary Barnes, Mary's arrangeable brother, Eddie, is supposed to have been up to it at the murder hour. The police are still at a loss.

Mary's fiance, Dirk Ruyther, advises her to keep still about having arranged to meet Eddie secretly until the police have made a full investigation from telling Bowes of the Star about the unknown killer. Dirk telephones that he has had a call from Eddie, and will take Mary to see him that evening.

Dirk, overawed, and Bowen drives Mary to the rendezvous. Eddie is killed by a shot from his revolver as he comes out of the door before the girls. Weeks pass and Inspector Kane drops the case, believing Eddie the murderer. When Mary protests, Kane is compelled to take up the case again.

Bowen tells Mary there is a racketeer gambler and crook called The Fox to whom Eddie has been giving a lot of money. He gives Mary a coat he found in the Jupiter house the night of the murder. It is her brother's.

## CHAPTER XIII

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"Well," said Bowen flatly, "this shows me up for what I am—beautiful but dumb. I thought sure that coat belonged to one of the reporters. Never entered my mind it could be—Boy, if Kane ever hears of this! Well, well, well!" Obviously he was reducting his ideas to fit this new development.

"Then—he did come, after all." Mary stroked the coat with gentle fingers, as if it had been a human thing.

"Looks like it," Bowen agreed. "But that doesn't prove he did it, you know," he offered by way of comfort.

"He was there," Mary repeated dully. "Perhaps—Kane was right. Perhaps they're all—right, and I'm wrong."

"Well, I'm not convinced!" Bowen said stoutly.

"Really?" Mary lifted grateful, hopeful eyes. "Really, don't you think so?"

"Listen, what did Kane tell you?"

Mary retailed their conversation with my little bitterness as she could. "That's what I thought," Bowen commented. One look at the girl's dejected face set his tongue to wagging in an effort to divert her mind.

"I'll tell you what's the matter with Kane," he said. "He'd be a good man if he were anywhere else but in this district. He's a stuffed shirt, boot-licker. He was a poor kid from shanty-town when he went on the force, and when they promoted him and put him out here, it went to his head. He's got the dollar sign in front of his eyes until he can't see anything else."

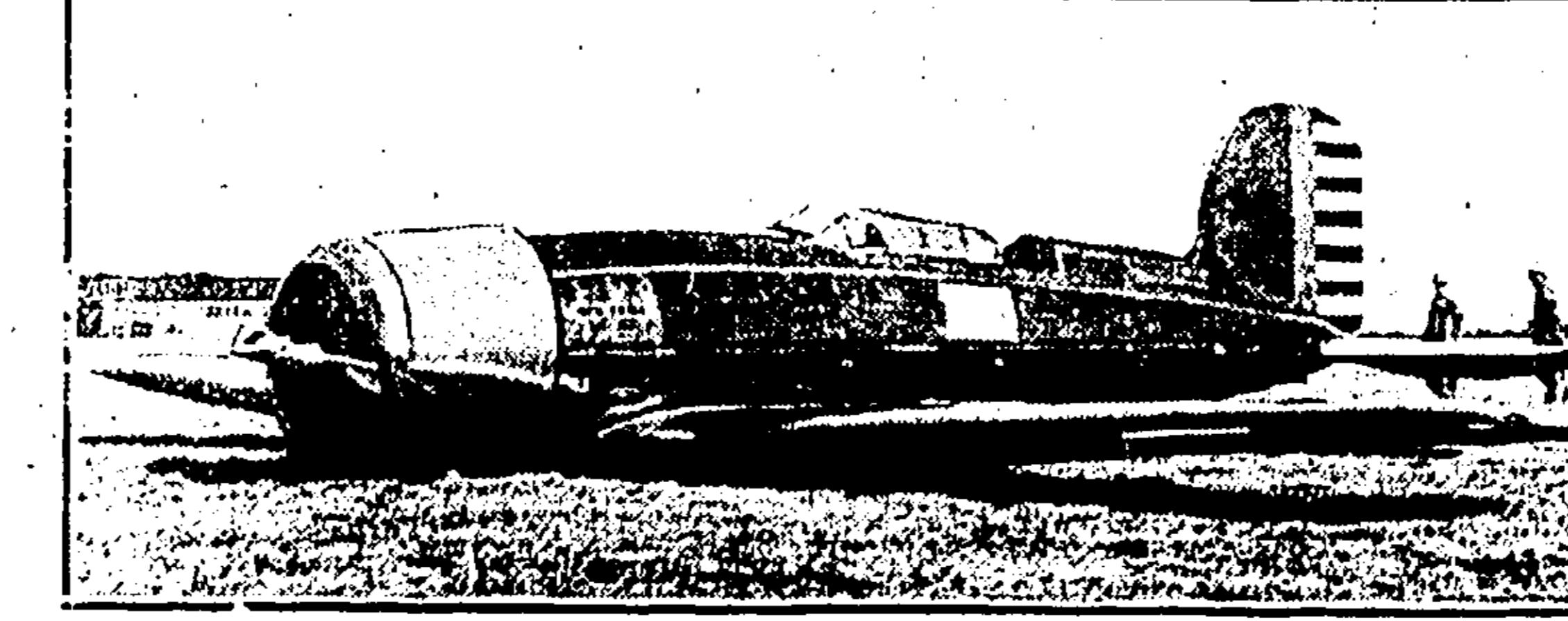
"Money talks with most people, but with Kane, it positively shouts. He's so afraid of losing the 'friendship' of some of these rich birds that wouldn't use him for a doorman, that he wouldn't cross them if they said black was white."

"I've always played a lone game, ever since I've been on this job. All Kane ever hands out is a line of bull. He'd have chased this guy to hell and gone, and strung him up by the thumbs to please Jupiter. In fact, he was all set to make a name for himself by capturing the murderer single-handed. Then the word came down from on high, 'lay off'—and he lay right down at his master's feet and wagged his tail. That's the kind of a pup he is!"

"But there's still you and me, eh?"

"How about it? If you say the word, we'll go right ahead and dig up what we can. When we've got enough to make a case, we'll put it before the District Attorney. He'll have to act."

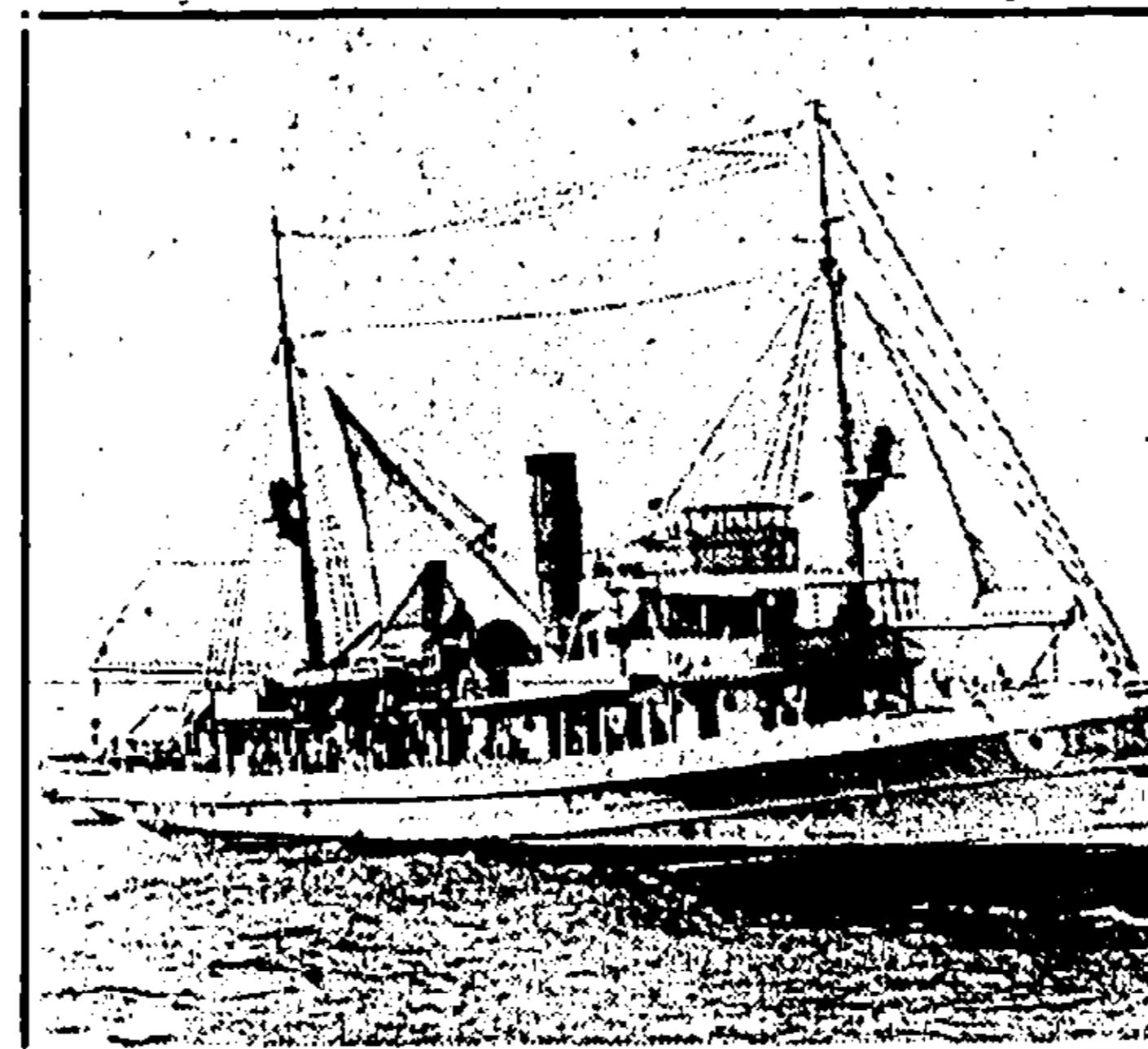
"But—are you sure you want it? It might make things pretty messy."



Appearing like a huge bird at rest, this plane—with a retractable landing gear that wouldn't unfold—gave the U.S. Assistant Secretary of War, Mr. F. Trubee Davidson, a narrow escape from injury. Though the plane was damaged when it came to earth neither occupant was hurt. The landing gear jammed while the craft was in flight and the flyers were faced with the problem of taking to their parachutes or landing on the body of the plane.



Mme. Jane Lucia Delst, who was secretly wed recently to Prince Nicholas of Rumania, arousing the ire of her brother, King Carol. Carol has ordered a divorce.



The rescue of eleven men adrift in the Caribbean Sea was recently reported by the U. S. S. Swan, a submarine tender pictured above. The men were found alive in a lifeboat from Costa Rican steamer Baden Baden.

down Emily Ann Ruyther's patriotic back! But which was more important—justice or a stiff-necked old woman's pride?

Bowling along in the big, shiny bus, between exquisitely landscaped private parks, studded here and there with the vine-shrouded homes of the ultra rich, all that had just occurred in the village seemed unreal. George Bowen and his scheme seemed fantastic, common. Had she really been in that horrible place, eating impossible food, with a foul-smelling water and a hare-brained "crime reporter" for companions? Looking back at herself through the cold blue eyes of Mrs. Ruyther, she began to think she was losing her mind.

What on earth would Dirk say?

She should have consulted him. She began to feel like a truant child lagging schoolward.

Well, it was past. If George Bowen rang up the house she would not even talk to him. No doubt his schemes were just an excuse to print. Heaven-knew-what about her! She shuddered at the thought of tomorrow's Star and what it might contain.

It was Thursday and she was dining at the Ruythers. Well, she would do all she could to make it up to Dirk. The truth, dimly felt before, now revealed itself to her bit by bit, as on an unrolling scroll. Dirk's worried abstraction, Mrs. Ruyther's fluttering apologetic air, Mr. Ruyther's booming heartlessness. There was something they were all ashamed of, that they felt had to apologize for. It had all passed unnoticed, except as background. She had been so absorbed that their speculations had glanced off without

pricking her. Now it all came back with a rush—every cutting, two-edged word that had been turned toward her, every blank and guarded look, awkward moments that she now realized would have been definite snubs if the snubbers had dared. What had stopped them? The power of the Ruyther name? nor even the Jupiter money was so wonder-working as that.

With a sudden rush of understanding and pity, she knew that Dirk must have been having a bad time at home. No doubt he had had to fight for even the semblance of surface ease. With only one son to marry off, Mrs. Ruyther would have liked to see him marry "to advantage." She had accepted him without enthusiasm, because there was nothing she could say against her. But now, good heavens!

Suddenly she wanted to see Dirk terribly. She wished the bus would hurry. It was only three or so, but he might come early.

The bus ground to a stop to take on two passengers, who turned out to be Cornelia Tabor and another girl, a little blonde fluff named Ethel Somebody, who was visiting Cornelia from Boston. Mary had seen her picture in the society section. They collapsed breathlessly in a front seat, without looking back. Mary was leaning her head against the cool window, and sat slumped down in the seat so that they could hardly have seen her anyhow.

As the bus topped a rise and began to coast down the other side, their voices became distinctly audible.

"What's not Dirk's, is it? Two timing him already, are you?" "It's my brother," Mary said. Cornelia gasped. "Oh, my dear, I'd forgotten about your brother. You must forgive me. So sorry."

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LOST—In Hongkong, between 11 and 12.30 on Saturday morning, one Stone Martin fur necklace. Finder will be rewarded on returning same to Mrs. Raworth, 377, The Peak.

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## MICAU GREYHOUND RACING CLUB.

### NOTICE

A Draw for a Number of Greyhounds will be held at the Office of the Club, 19, Avenida Almeida Ribeiro, Macau, at an early date.

These Greyhounds will be sold to members at \$300 each and are eligible for racing at the Club's "Green Island" Track, Macau.

Members wishing to participate are invited to send in their Names, accompanied with a deposit of \$300 in respect of each dog applied for, as soon as possible.

Names will be booked in the order as received.

Those wishing to participate in the above drawing and are non-members are cordially invited to apply for membership, also at the same address or at the office of the Company, Chung Tin Building, Hongkong.

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### THE RESIDENT AND COMMITTEE

of St. Patrick's Society of Hongkong send best wishes to their members and friends for A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

### CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

The office and stations of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on the 31st December, 1931, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th January, 1932, being Customs holidays.

J. C. O.G. ANDERSON,  
Acting Deputy Commissioner  
in charge, temporarily,  
Chinese Maritime Customs,  
Kowloon and District.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1931.

### BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Friday and Saturday, the 25th and 26th December, (Christmas Holidays). Hongkong, 21st December, 1931.

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with Rule of Racing No. 83, the China Pony Subscription Griffin No. 183, dun, 14 hands, will be sold by auction at the Jockey Club Stables, Causeway Bay on Thursday, 24th December, 1931, at 5.15 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

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Sunday, 27th December, 1931.  
First Race at 1.30 p.m.  
Admission:—

To Members' Enclosure \$1.00.  
To Public Enclosure cents 40.  
Members MUST show their badges to gain admittance. Members can obtain 2 ladies' badges free on application to the Secretary.

Tiffin can be procured at the Race Course at \$1.50.

## REPULSE BAY HOTEL

### NEW YEAR'S EVE CARNIVAL

The Management begs to notify that no further reservations can be made for the above function as available accommodation being fully reserved.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., beg to announce that all Departments in the Main Store will be closed on December 25th, 26th and 27th and January 1st.

On these days the Restaurants will open as usual. Peak Branch from 8 a.m. till 10 a.m.

Kowloon Branch 10 a.m. till 2 p.m.

## UNION CHURCH HONGKONG.

### "MESSIAH."

Xmas Service  
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Mrs. Bowes-Smith

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FULL CHORUS  
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### CHURCH NOTICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, 24th December, 1931. Christmas Eve 5.30 p.m. Festal Evensong. December 25th, 1931. Christmas Day. Holy Communion 7 a.m. Choral Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Peak Church) 8 a.m. Children's Service 10 a.m. Mattins and Sermon 11 a.m. Preacher: The Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong. Holy Communion 12.15 p.m. December 26th Festival of St. Stephen 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wan-chai. (Opposite Royal Naval Hospital, Queen's Road, East.) Christmas Day 25th December, 1931. 10.15 a.m. Special Christmas Service. Preacher: Rev. Ellis C. H. Tribbeck Subject: Wondering and Pondering. Sunday 27th December, 1931. Morning Service 10.15 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Preacher at both Services:—Rev. Ellis C. H. Tribbeck. At the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home:—Every Sunday at 3 p.m.—Bible Class. Every Sunday at 8.15 p.m. Service Men's Hour, Boxing Day 26th December, 1931. Special Christmas Party for Service Men. 7 p.m. Tuesday, at 8 p.m. Fellowship Hour. Thursday, 31st December, 11 p.m. Watch-night—Service in the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home. All are welcome.

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 28th day of December, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Fleming Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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# WOMEN'S WORLD

## FOR OUR LADY READERS.

## Crinolines and Bustles Disappear.



Surplice gold and black lame fashioning a simple evening dress (left). The spiral effect of accordion-pleated volants is slenderizing in the black satin evening gown (right).

## THE FREEDOM OF THE "FORTIES."

[By K. F. Brodrick.]

The girl of twenty looks with a shudder on the age of forty, which has, for her, nothing in it but wrinkles round the eyes, faded complexion and love gone for ever. "You find joy in being forty?" she will exclaim in deep astonishment. "Surely it isn't possible."

Even thirty may say the same, and even more seriously, because at that age, forty is perilously near. Hanging on to youth, with its charm fast slipping away, the thirties cry: "Soon we shall be forty—middle aged—and all will be over."

But forty (I say this for your comfort, young people) is not, when you come to it, at all gloomy. Good gracious no! and youth has been lived reasonably, it is found to be a very comfortable age. "Comfortable" youth. "How terrible just to be comfortable," is that really all there is to it?"

Substantial Joys.

No there are real and substantial joys, for when you are forty you have, so to speak, definitely arrived. At last you have found yourself, and know what your position in the world stands for. You are no longer restless, nor are you a "certain" and more often the unobtrusive. You are fully conscious of what you can do, and also that, though one of the hardest lessons to learn, is a useful one when properly digested.

My lady of forty still has her men friends, but she no longer looks to find the lover in them.

No longer will she lose sleep over wondering what is the best way to please the exacting male on whose happiness the happiness of her life once seemed to depend.

She will not wander into starlit gardens to listen to the whispers of love (which once, perhaps, vaguely disappointed her), but will sit by the fire or on a sunlit lawn to smoke and to talk of all the varied thrills in life whose value cannot, perhaps, be estimated before one is forty.

## Real Freedom.

Does the woman of forty wish all the same to be young again? I do not think so. She has a joy in the knowledge that time has brought her much that is useful.

If she is married, she probably has her man, not the old sentimental he used to be, of course, but thoroughly steady and reliable.

If she is not married, she is probably quite glad not to be for she is free—delightfully free. She can travel alone to the utmost parts of the earth, if she can afford it. She need not wait to be taken. She can have a flat of her own, or rooms, or whatever she can afford and entertain her friends who appeal to her personality. She need not explain her actions to anybody.

And if she so wills, she can wear whatever she likes. Other people's criticism does not touch her.

So the real joy of forty is, you will admit, its freedom. We have no longer to say like the children: "Let us pretend". That game for us is over, and most of us do not realize. We stand, as to speak, at the top of the world, seeing it at last in its proper perspective, and with plenty of strength still to face what is to come.

## FOR EVENING WEAR.

## And New Day-Time Coats.

There are few fashions so elegant and feminine as this season's evening coats, whether they be of supple furs, or brocades, velvets or satins allied to exquisite skins.

With all the coats, both fur and fur-trimmed, the length very tremendously. For instance, short jackets are declared *à la mode* and certainly they will have a longer life than the ankle-length wrap which will be considered of no more elegance than an antiquated dressing-gown in a season or two.

The three-quarter length is graceful if cut really slim. I like the vogue for sleeves which are loose and wide; collars, too, are very full, but it is usually left to the sleeves to add to the luxury of the cut of the evening coat.

As with day-time coats, the shoulders are a little square than we have known them. Soft pelts are padded to achieve the right shoulder line. I think the new high-in-the-shoulder effect is most noticed when an evening coat of black seal is shaped to grip the waist, and the capo collar is bordered with black fox fur.

Autopos of shoulder-lines, the Rajah sleeve has suddenly reappeared. At least, it has been introduced by a furrier whose taste counts for much in the fashion world. He has tried the effect with broadtail, and mink has been cut up for this shoulder-and-sleeve-in-one fashion.

Three-quarter squirrel coats are showing much one-sided fullness where the fur wraps over. But grey squirrel, though treasured for its marvellous softness, would seem to take second place this season, making way for the many brown furs which are now so very popular.—H. M. In Exchange.

## FRUIT NECKLACES.

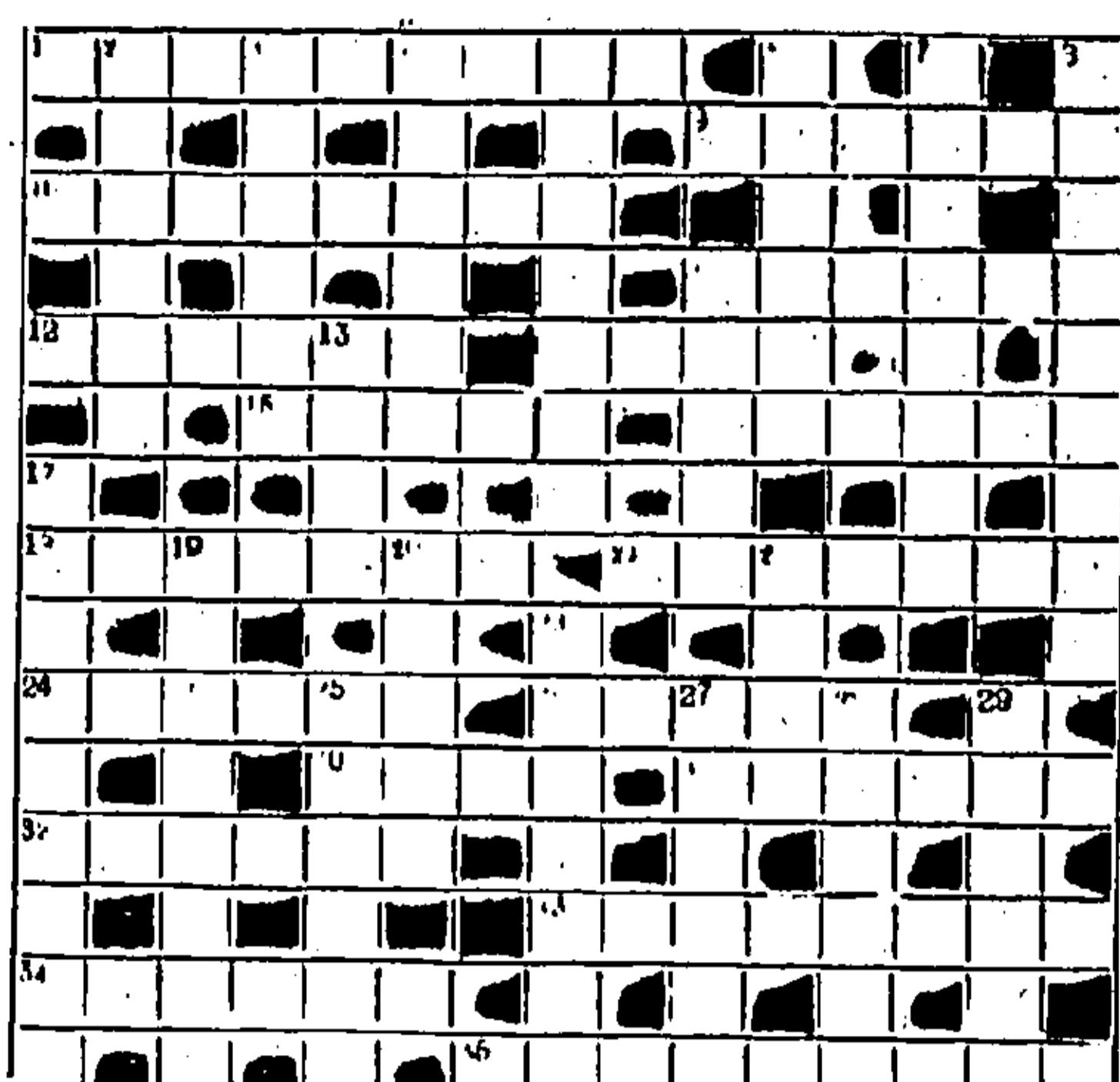
The newest necklaces combine small carved wooden beads with clusters of coloured china fruit. One long necklace is composed of dark brown wooden beads, with uneven surfaces, a group of brightly coloured leaves and leaves placed in the middle of the front.

## Paradise.



The Paradise decoration for hats is taboo in America, but its appearance on many smart French models has influenced the millinery mode. The feather balances the shallow brim on this distinctive hat.

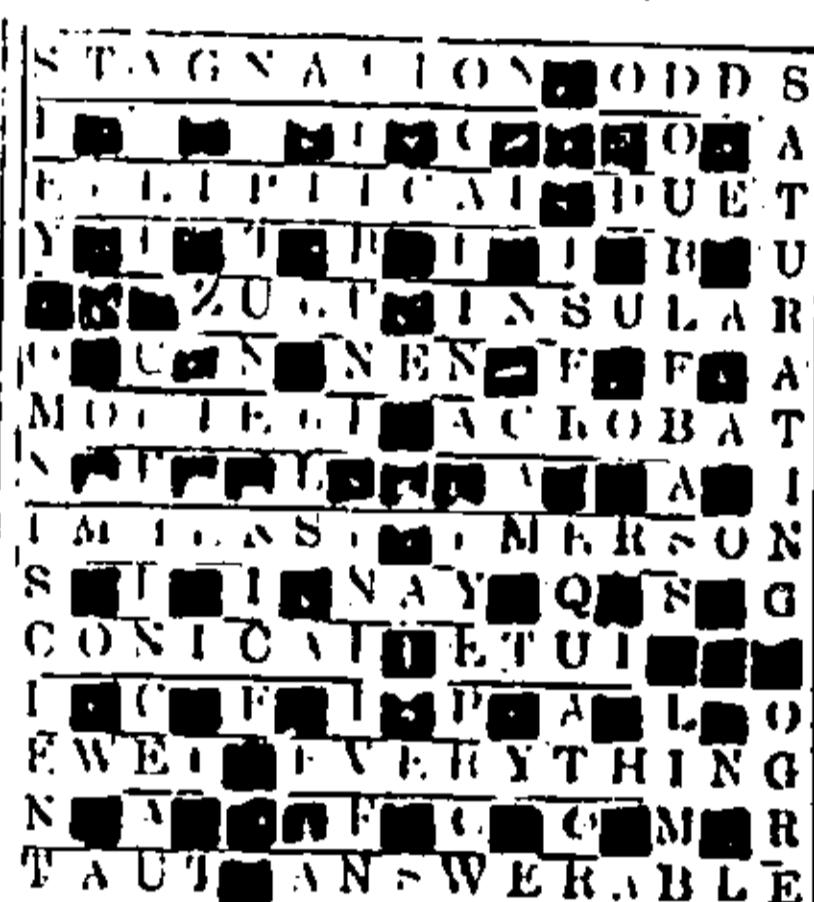
## OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



## Across

- 1 A weary associate makes victory impossible.
- 2 Dress material that, I hear, is to be fashionable again. Obtain it from a river worker.
- 3 Come down in front of the fence for this bird.
- 4 Italian city.
- 5 On the whole, the plan may be all right, but some of it, at any rate, is bound to be turned down.
- 6 There's a strong Dutch strain in this Russian.
- 7 She may act bewitchingly, but there's anger in her heart, nevertheless.
- 8 A rodent with sun shade must look funny old stick.
- 9 "Angered"? What made it so angry? (anag.)
- 10 To this day is the darling of many.
- 11 Light up.
- 12 Egg-shaped.
- 13 Later on.
- 14 Well-known Socialist.
- 15 They strove against Zeus.
- 16 In winter's grip, but with more than a hint of spring.
- 17 Got up—but not at all at.
- 18 A strong liking.
- 19 To go out of harbour.
- 20 The home of wild men.

Yesterday's solution.



## NEW CIVIL SERVICE CLUB HOUSE.

## LORD KYLSANT.

## HOME OFFICE STATEMENT.

The following official statement was recently issued:

"In view of the persistent circulation of rumours with regard to Lord Kyllant's condition, the Home Office desires to state that Lord Kyllant is and has been in his usual health.

There has never been any question of removal to a hospital for X-ray examination, operation, or any other purpose. The statements to this effect in various papers are untrue and have no foundation.

The rear of the building which opens into the playing fields is half moon in shape and allows an uninterrupted view of the sports ground. Steps lead down to a concrete frontage, which in turn leads on the ground.

The steps are flanked by pot plants and flowers, while white pillars add to the architectural beauty. The whole appearance is a remarkable improvement, and the clubhouse stands as one of the most attractive buildings in Happy Valley.

In the interior of the Club nothing has been overlooked. The centre part is set aside as a refreshment bar and from the two wings which lead away, one has been fitted up as a dressing room with lockers complete, while the other is to be adapted as a library and social hall. A balcony overlooks the red tiled roof.

By Rinsler



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Fuji Silk	2.25	1.50 "
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Striped Fuji Silk	1.25	85 "
Taffeta Best quality	2.25	1.30 "
Gentlemen's Striped Silk Shirts	6.00	3.00 each
Striped Crepe de Chine Shirts	7.50	4.50 "
Gentlemen's Plain Pyjama Suits All Colours	9.50	5.50 suit
Heavy Silk Striped Pyjama Suits	12.50	7.00 "
Ladies Pyjama Suits Embroidered All Colours	10.50	6.00 "
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Ladies Underwear (3 pcs. Set)	17.00	10.00 set
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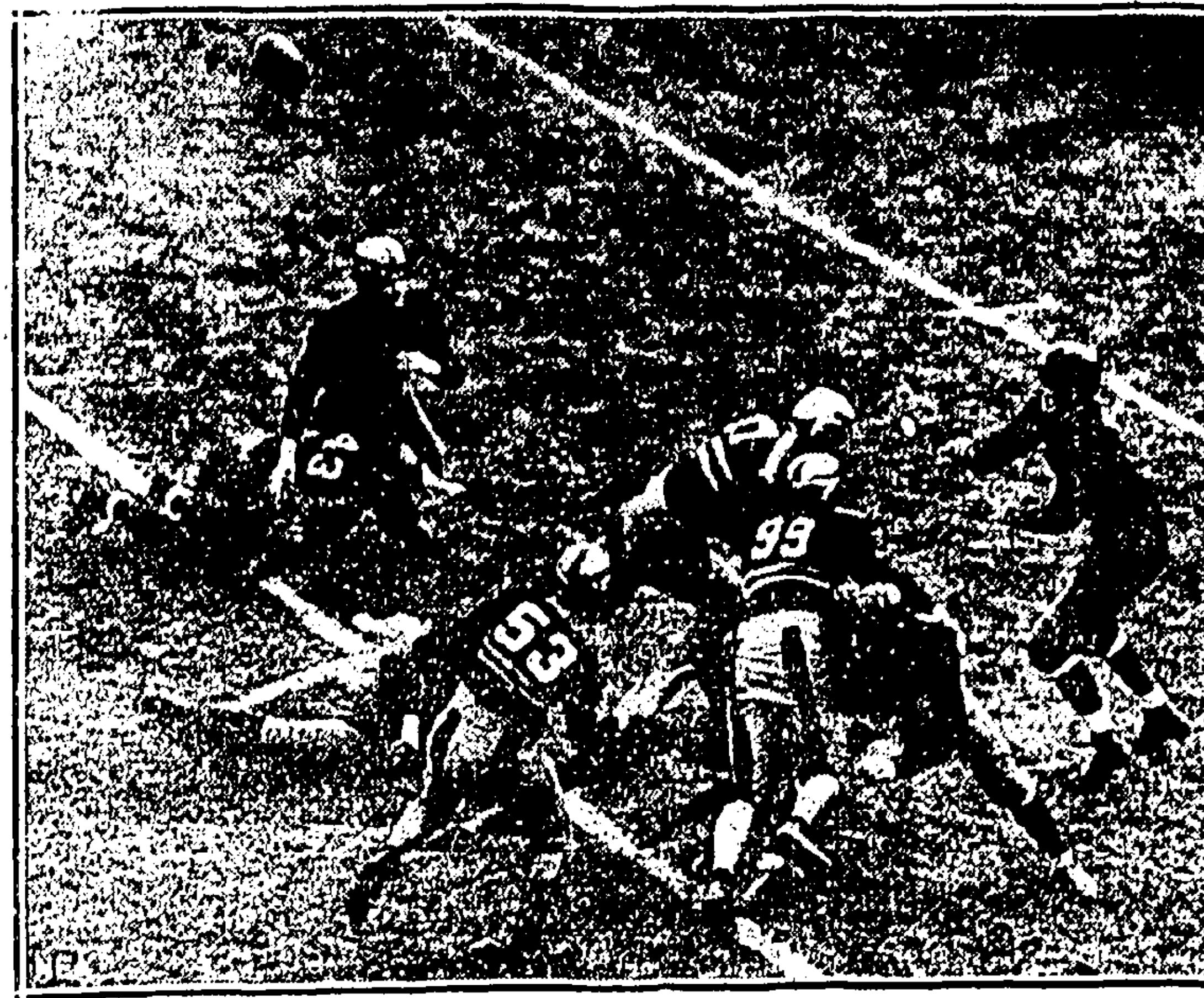
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It was Harvard's aerial attack, directed by Captain Barry Wood, that turned back the West Point warriors on their own field by the narrow margin of 14-13. And this picture shows one of the thrilling moments of the spectacular game, as the Crimson star, right, well-protected from the Army's rush, hurled the ball to White, the fullback, for a 30-yard gain. Passes such as this opened the way for both Harvard touchdowns, and both of them were scored by White. Wood, outstanding star of the contest, accounted for the extra points for goal.

### WORLD'S MONEY TROUBLES.

#### EXPERTS AND GERMAN REPARATIONS.

London, Dec. 23.—A Basle message this morning says that the special advisory committee will hold its final meeting this evening, and that the report will be of twenty pages, with several annexes.

#### The Dollar and Pound.

On the London Stock Exchange to-day the sterling-dollar rate opened at 3.4134, and the firmness of British Government stocks was the principal feature. *British Wireless.*

#### Hungary's Problems.

Budapest, Dec. 23.—Only the seven and a half per cent. League of Nations loan will be exempt from the moratorium service. Other State loans will be dependent on the foreign exchange available.—*Reuter.*

#### More Work.

London, Dec. 23.—The reduction of Britain's unemployed brings the total registered to the lowest figure recorded since last May. From the end of September to December 15—the latest date for which figures are available—there has been a decrease of 252,000. About one quarter of this total is probably accounted for by application of the "anomalous regulations".

The biggest employment increases have been in coal mining, cotton and transport. The total of men, women, boys and girls wholly or temporarily employed therein, added to that of persons normally in casual employment, was on December 15, 2,300,000.—*British Wireless.*

#### A Terrible Loss.

Later. It is officially stated that about 15,000 volumes have been lost in the collapse of the Vatican Library.

Some can be substituted but many are very rare and most difficult to replace.

An enquiry is being made into the cause of the collapse, which is expected will be traced to jerry building in the time of Pope Sixtus V.

The total death toll is five.—*Reuter.*

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### PECULIAR CASE.

#### CHARGE OF "PLANTING SILVER TREE."

The practice known as "planting the silver tree" was mentioned before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon when a man named Choi Kwing-kwong, described as a fortune-teller, was charged with obtaining \$150 from the complainant, Chau Wah-yan, by means of a trick on December 2.

Mr. M. A. da Silva was for the prosecution, and Mr. F. C. E. Rendall was for the defence.

Outlining the case for the prosecution, Mr. Silva said that for one to have a proper perspective of the case, one must have a good knowledge of Chinese cruelty. The trick which the defendant employed to obtain the \$150 was popularly known as "planting the silver tree."

At about 1.30 p.m. on November 27, went on Mr. Silva, the complainant, who was the wife of the manager of the Yaumati Theatre, was walking along Jordan Road with her sister when defendant stopped them and asked her if she wanted to have her fortune told. She was finally persuaded to do so and taken to a house in Reclamation Street where she was given certain "charms" and asked to say certain prayers. Several interviews followed between the complainant and the defendant, after which the latter asked for \$150 promising to get her \$6,000 or \$7,000 in return. He said he would put the money in a jar which he would seal up, and in a few days, he would open it and produce a few thousand dollars. She said she did not have the money then, and asked him to wait until the first of the month.

#### Handed Over Money.

At any rate, said Mr. Silva, she paid over to him \$150 on December 2. This money was given her by her husband for house-keeping and for doctors' bills. When she returned in a few days to collect the few thousand dollars, she found that the jar was not in evidence. She accordingly asked for her money back, but defendant refused.

Complainant then gave evidence of meeting the defendant in the street and of having been given some "charms" to swallow on several occasions. She said she handed over the \$150 thinking that she would get \$6,000 or \$7,000.

Cross-examining, Mr. Rendall said part of his defence was that the charge had been trumped up by the complainant, as the defendant had stated in answer to the charge when he was taken to the Yaumati Police Station.

The hearing was adjourned.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### The Destiny of Man. [To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir—I found Father Byrne's last contribution on modern and old Greek education very instructive and interesting. The old Greeks apparently had some worth-while goal in view—moral, intellectual and social progress—whereas education's only objective to-day appears to be the cramming in of knowledge necessary for successful competition in the struggle for position and wealth. It drives home the doctrine of the survival of the fittest right from the infant's examination room and turns out a mob of hardened self-centred individualists when, to my mind it should be concentrating upon the promotion of co-operation and universal harmony.

The present economic is the direct outcome of our present day educational system. In its neglect of the only really worth while of life's objectives—the betterment of man's relationship to his fellow men and the universe as a whole—civilization has overreached itself in its inventive, financial and economic spheres of operation and is now in imminent danger of smashing itself to pieces on the rocks of insenate materialism.

Our world, as it stands to-day, is the creation of the thought and teachings of the past and we who are alive to-day all share in the responsibility for what it is to become in the future. Thought is creation and education's only aim and object should be the propagation of progressive concordant thought.

We are not working along such lines. Our greatest mathematicians and scientists, the prodigies of our educational system—apotheosized monomaniacs—are, at this moment, deliberately concentrating upon the creation of a future to our universe recently described as a conglomeration of conscious formations moving hither and thither with continuously accelerating velocity, a commensurate shrinking of dimensions, a confused blur of intense emotion and then nothingness.

Christianity for 2,000 years has been striving to create a future realism of perpetual harmony as the ultimate goal—even the Red Indian of North America had happy hunting grounds under construction before civilization crushed him out of existence—and all that this egotistical, bombastic age can promise is a wild confusion of hectic emotion and agonising reaction, a bloody arena of elimination and final oblivion.

We had a thousand times better get back to the stone-age or the aboriginal life of Central Africa with their feeble glimmerings of eventual harmony than carry on a moment longer with our modern education and all its sordid, materialist misconceptions.

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### FISH FOR THE EAST.

#### AIMS OF AUSTRALIAN COMPANY.

Mr. E. E. Forth, managing director of J. C. Hutton Proprietary, Ltd., Brisbane, who are large exporters in foodstuffs to the East, has made available information concerning a company to be formed in Queensland, with a capital of £75,000, to develop an entirely new industry for export to the East. Whereas all efforts along these lines so far have been to cater for the European and wealthier Chinese and native populations, the intention in this instance is to concentrate on the requirements of the millions of natives.

To a representative of the Courier Mr. Forth said that the new company—Murray Island Fisheries, Ltd.—will have, as a foundation to its activities, the export to the East of sardines, immense shoals of which abound in the waters of the Murray Islands. These shoals of fish are so close inshore as to obviate entirely the use of expensive equipment, such as trawlers, &c., suitable nets and dings being quite sufficient for gathering supplies for the company's purposes. Mr. Forth added that negotiations had been made with a leading firm in Java, who are prepared to handle monthly from 200 to 600 tons of salted and sun-dried sardines. This method of curing is the least costly of all, and it is this factor, combined with the low cost of harvesting the fish, that makes possible the company handling its products on the Java market at a price which will meet the native purser.

#### Traveller's Advice.

"If Australian manufacturers want to establish a market for any particular line in the East, the only way is to have a specialist trained and sent over there," said Mr. T. B. Hooper, in an address on the possibilities for trade with the East, which he delivered at the quarterly meeting of the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hooper, who returned recently from a tour of the East, said that going round the big manufacturing centres of Japan, he had learned the real reason why Japan was buying such large quantities of wool. Japan had come to such a stage of perfection in her manufacture that she was bringing wool from Australia, and exporting cloth to other parts of the world, thus taking away markets that Britain once held. Similarly, she obtained wheat wherever she could buy it at the lowest prices, and with her cheap and efficient labour was selling flour to other parts of the world where possible. Australia should be doing the same herself. The Japanese were able to export hosiery, sandals, and numerous other articles of good quality at extremely low prices, for her labour was not only cheap, but highly skilled. He found the same poverty in Indo-China, Cambodia, and Siam as obtained in many parts of the East. Java presented one of the best potential markets for Australian goods. It was most important for Australian traders to remember that conditions varied greatly in the East, and for that reason he advocated the sending of specialists for a long period, so that they could learn the language, and get a knowledge of what was required in the country.

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**IN RUSSIA NOW.**

At a moment when the economic system in other parts of the world appears to have badly broken down, it is interesting and instructive to turn for a moment to the huge experiment being carried out in Russia, known as the Five-Year Plan. In spite of all the predictions of failure, it would seem that the experiment is being proceeded with even well in advance of schedule, as, according to the latest news from Moscow, it is expected to be completed a year ahead of the time originally set. Ideas may differ as to the methods adopted for putting the plan into effect, but the world cannot afford to ignore what is happening in Russia, where practically the whole population is concentrating on the accomplishment of this great effort. In the meantime, of course, the workers are having a very thin time, but it is known to be the Soviet's policy that once the first section of the plan is concluded, the next step will be to raise the standard of living of the people. This, it is asserted, will be made fully possible as the experiment begins to yield tangible results.

One point to be borne in mind is that the great majority of the people, including the children, are being concentrated on this huge task. Indeed, the young people are being taught to think and work on distinctly communistic lines. Some interesting facts on what is happening were recently disclosed by a visitor to Russia, who found that the League of Communist Youth has something like four million members between the ages of fourteen and twenty-three. These Komsomols, as they are called, are the pick of the young men and women, carefully trained in economics and politics, as well as in their own jobs. They are active in the factories, the villages and the schools. Next come the Pioneers, aged from ten to sixteen, and then the Little Octobrists, from eight to eleven. Each organisation inspired and guides that below it, each has its rules, its slogans and its technique; but all are of the same pattern and concentrated on the same purpose. The point to be remembered is that all these youthful millions are themselves being educated and are educating others in a new model; they are establishing new codes of morals and manners; and they are contributing in the measure of their abilities to one of the biggest economic plans which the world has seen. They are a portent. And the fact that none of them knows except by hearsay, what a capitalist society is, or the meaning of parliamentary democracy and of a dozen other institutions that we

prize or grumble at—this also may be a portent.

One query which is often raised is whether the Soviet aims at national aggrandisement or at the spread of its revolutionary creed by aggression on its neighbours? The Communists' answer is, of course, an emphatic "No." They are proud of the Red Army, though their pride is not merely in its military efficiency, but in the cultural training which the young conscript undergoes and in the economic service he can render to the State. But all this armed force, they protest, is for defence, not offence. They say they have offered to disarm if others will do likewise, but the world only laughs at them. Everyone in Russia, from top to bottom, says the authority we are quoting, is under the impression that the capitalists are itching for a chance to destroy Bolshevism. The defence of the republic, therefore, is a supreme necessity, and the whole population, including the children in the schools, is instructed in the use of arms or in the taking of cover from air-bombs or in antidotes to "capitalist poison gases." Apart from all this, Russia, is at present, and will be for a long time to come, absorbed in her own internal development. Any foreign war would certainly mean a serious check to her great industrial plan, and might utterly wreck it. And so, if other people let Russia alone, she will be only too happy to let them alone. This seems the official viewpoint, at any rate.

The Hiking Club "Peril."

It is the fate of many enterprises commenced in a burst of enthusiasm to die an early death through lack of sustained support; others blossom and die quickly because they develop a stunted aspect. It is to be hoped that the proposed Hiking Club in Hongkong will come into being and further that it will not succumb because of the second of these causes of failure. There is good commonsense in the proposal to organise walking expeditions. It is a delight to the eye to see a group of young men, or young women, or both, swinging along the road or a hill-track, radiating health and enjoyment. Those kindly feelings become rather stunted, however, when the call of the open is made an occasion for freakishness. The desirable pastime becomes the subject of ridicule and, eventually, disrepute. For these reasons, it is hoped that Hongkong hikers will have nothing to do with special garb for their jaunts. Salmon-coloured shirts and canary yellow berets with sky-blue blazers should be definitely barred, and if the walker must wear a bowler hat, the empty folly of a garland of yellow flowers and feathers may well be omitted. If the warning is unnecessary, the Colony will be grateful. But the illustrations given of the undesirable in attire are not the result of a colourful imagination. Men so dressed formed members of a band of hikers seen in England quite recently, and they are by no means uncommon, even though they be the exception rather than the rule. And then there is the other type. A short and stout fellow, perhaps, wearing rather long flannels, giving an exaggerated concerto effect, red of face, perspiring freely, and walking, evidently on acute corns. It is a discomfort to see him struggling along. There is no exhilaration in his countenance. If possible, the kind of heart gives him a lift. It is clear that he has been wise neither in his preparation nor in his choice of journey and accordingly the impression is gained that hiking can be an extremity of misery and labour. There is, in fact, great joy and pleasure in the pastime, but it is necessary that enthusiasts should look after its good name.

At the first regular meeting of the Canton Rotary Club held in the hotel Asia on December 22, 1931, Mr. T. M. Lin was announced by President S. F. Chien as having been elected Treasurer by the Directors and Mr. A. E. Quin Secretary. Mr. Chien also announced that Mr. Samuel Wong's name should appear as a charter member instead of that of Mr. C. G. Lee, previously stated. It was noted that for the coming month the meetings should be held on one of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Company's vessels, at 1 p.m. every Tuesday.

**DAY BY DAY**

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The next issue of the *Telegraph* will be on Saturday. We take this opportunity of wishing our readers a Merry Christmas.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Tuesday, January 26, 1932, at 4.30 p.m. as the date of the Annual Inspection of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. All interested in the order of St. John are invited to attend. Details will be notified later.

**CHINA LIGHT CO. REPORT.**

**DIVIDEND OF FIFTY CENTS.**

The report of the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., to be presented at the meeting of shareholders on the 31st instant, at noon, covering the year ended September 30th, states:

The gross profit for the above period is \$3,633,29, plus a profit and exchange, \$1,28,52; amount brought forward from last year, \$43,39,33; total, \$55,161,4.

After allowing for Directors' and Auditors' Fees, \$13,69; Consulting Engineers' Fees, \$5,84; 22; Loss on Sale of No. 3 Alternator Set, Donations and Sinking Fund Instrument, \$2,633,29; Interest, \$2,38,45; Charge of Voltage Expenses, \$48,621,79; depreciation on Buildings, Plant, Stock and Provisions, and C/F/Revenue, \$22,790,29; total \$31,67,04; the Directors recommend the declaration of a dividend in respect of the financial year ended 30th September, '31, of 50 cents per share on 99,567 shares, absorbing \$499,783, or leaving a balance to be carried forward to the new year's account of \$56,755,60.

Directors.—During the year, Mr. J. Scott Harston resigned from the Board, and Mr. Felix A. Joseph accepted a seat in his place. The Board now consists of the following gentlemen:—Mr. R. G. Shewin (ex-President), Chairman, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. C. A. da Rosa, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braine, Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie and Mr. Felix A. Joseph. Under Article 95 of the Articles of Association, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Dingham & Matthews and Messrs. Linstead & Davis, who are eligible for re-election.

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The real snag about a country existence, apart from the drains and maybe the company, is that we are least competent to do so. A man or a woman chooses his or her profession or business at an even younger age than they select their matrimonial partner. The wonder is in the circumstances, that they appear to make fewer disastrous mistakes about their careers than about their mates.

Yet it is true that few people believe they have chosen the best calling. Politicians, bankers, and stockbrokers, in particular, must in these uneasy days be firmly convinced of this fact in their own causes. This may be because, whilst experience has revealed the drawbacks of their own, illusory still paints those of which they know nothing in reality.

The doctor, when his night call goes on a dismal, wet, or cold night, thinks the lawyer has the best of it. But the lawyer, pented in a stuffy Court on a sunny afternoon, believes a doctor has the ideal existence. So it works all round. I do not doubt there are Generals who yearn for life on the ocean wave, and Admirals who are throned by sea.

Fancy—and Reality.

Life is generally so very different, viewed down other avenues than our own familiar one, from what the fancy paints and the imagination whispers.

Not long ago I saw a wounded ex-service man churning a street organ. In front it had a thrilling coloured picture of a kilted battalion charging with fixed bayonets and a fine grand opera air. I asked the one-armed troubadour if that was how he had gone "over the top." His smile had gone. "I have skinned an adult rhinoceros."

Romantic fancy paints the epic, but reality adds a lousy tunic, half a dozen bombs, and perhaps a shovel, and sheer weight of pedestrian luggage restricts the pace to a jog-trot of two m.p.h.

I mention that as a first-class illustration of how, in this realistic world, truth shatters illusion. Even Dr. Johnson would revise his views about military glory if he were alive to-day.

And yet we all, except perhaps the artist dedicated to their special art as a lifelong hobby and able to live up to their ambitions, cherish these delusive dreams of other and happier lives.

I am almost prepared to stand up in defence of mine. I should like to have been a sturdy, sun-browned navvy, with a leather belt and hard hands, driving the cart, and wrestling with drivers. Think of the freedom of it, the sunburn physical condition, and the rugged independence—a hefty nappy, who cooks his steak on a shovel over an open fire, drinks his can of beer, and smokes his enormous tobacco, never bothering with titles, incomes, collectors, politicians, or social conditions.

The Only Real He-Man.

Your navvy is about the only genuine he-man left. He is master of his craft, boss of his home, and lord of all he surveys. A trouser-gartered navvy for me, with tattooed chest and arms, and that streak fizzling on a shovel.

There is nothing like a naval navy, and all its absurdities and trivialities, from within the honest compass of a leather belt. Your navy combines all that John Bright imagined in his farm labourer, with an added dash of adventurous romance that Dr. Johnson pictured in his soldier.

I am convinced Miss Ethel M. Dell would be cordially with me in this choice. A navvy is the very embodiment—almost the only one nowadays—of her strong, silent man. Yes, if I had my choice, I would hitch my wagon to a star with a navvy's belt. And carry a copy of Walt Whitman in my corduroys.

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It is his resistance of the forces that have tried to turn him into an automaton that is the most remarkable thing about him. He is tireless and cheerful, ever with a smatch of song or ready repartee at his command, and he will talk, if you let him, on the most unusual subjects.

He has a tip for every race enthusiast, a joke for every humorist, and a new and startling theory for the student and philosopher to digest at his leisure. The details of his ideas may lack proper adjustment, but the substance of them is

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**ON ENVYING THE "OTHER FELLOW."**

By An "OLD STAGER."



"Now I know who Santa Claus is—Mr. Woolworth!"—Passing Show.

## THE CHILD AND

## THE CINEMA.

## SOME ASTONISHING REACTIONS.

## PUNISHMENT FOR "ROOD" PICTURES.

What are the reactions to the cinema of the rising generation? This absorbing question has been the subject of more attention, perhaps, than any other problem of modern life. And the Birmingham Cinema Inquiry Committee, after a year's investigation, claim to have found the answer.

This Committee, which was formed to collect sufficient evidence to lay before the Home Secretary with a view to persuading him that some drastic change in the film censorship was desirable, have come to the conclusion after a year's deliberations that the cinema is "an instrument incalculable and irreparable."

They base their opinion upon replies to a questionnaire. These have been received from schools in every part of Birmingham. Quite apart from the somewhat alarming construction which the Committee places upon the results, the replies are interesting and not without humour.

To the question, "Why do you like going to the cinema?" the replies must be a little disheartening to the managers. "Something to do in wet weather," "It is a change from the street," "Because you can sit up late," are a few examples.

## A Vain Search?

One young gentleman of 13 stands out above the rest. He confined his reason to two words, "For beauty." He does not add whether he finds it.

Whatever indications of depravity the Committee may find in the replies of the children, the film industry should at least find some food for thought.

"Actresses," declares one youngster, "do not wear enough clothes." The moral tone of the young of Birmingham seems to be high. "I think that men or women who put the 'rood' pictures ought to be put in prison," adds another. This condemnation of "rood" pictures finds a prominent place in the replies.

Suggestions for the improvement of the "pictures" range from the pious (almost a prayer), "Let it be cheaper to go in," to "If the bit of bad was knocked out it would make no difference to money as the people would come just the same." Other suggestions include, "More news," "Leave out murders," and "More Comics."

A cry from the heart, which one feels has many echoes, comes from a boy aged twelve. "Don't let them talk the American language." Another vain seeker for beauty.

## Leading Questions.

A great deal of the report is devoted to the effect which, children say, various types of film have upon them. One feels that they would be rather more valuable if the questions had been less of the "leading" variety. "Do the pictures keep you from sleeping afterwards?" for instance, has obviously inspired the kind of answer many children considered they were expected to make.

Many of them seem to have gone out of their way to describe the horrors of sleepless nights following a visit to the cinema. Nevertheless, through them all runs an honest attempt to describe the nervous excitement aroused in young minds by films of "horror."

An interesting question was, "What have you learned from the pictures?" Many claim to have learned much of value, as undoubtedly they have. History, what is going on in the world, customs, and the scenery of other lands, about "desserts and adventurous people." Others claim to have learned American slang; how the rich live; how to be "chivalrous;" how to shoot from the pocket; how to "strangle," and how to kiss. Such are among the pearls of learning passed on to them from the screen.

## Shades of Ovid!

One young man has discovered how "to love and murder people at the same time," while one child of twelve sums up his whole experience in the words, "Nothing at all except the art of love."

Out of the vast weight of evidence which may well be used against the cinema as a result of the Committee's activities, one effect of the screen upon the young of Birmingham stands out, challenging the support of all parents and guardians. "Pictures," writes the author, aged eleven, "affects children in a good way. It teaches them to be quiet when anybody is talking."

For that much credit the industry should be profoundly thankful.

## WOMEN CRITICS OF R.S.P.C.A.

## "MORE DETAILED ACCOUNTS" SOUGHT.

Lady Cory and other members of the R.S.P.C.A. who have been pressuring for certain changes in the working of the organisation have a meeting in London with a committee, to whom only those with tickets, or who were personally known to Lady Cory, were admitted.

Mr. C. B. Carriyer, of Leicester, who presided, said that the meeting had been called because those present felt that they ought to have more voice in the society's management.

This Committee, which was formed to collect sufficient evidence to lay before the Home Secretary with a view to persuading him that some drastic change in the film censorship was desirable, have come to the conclusion after a year's deliberations that the cinema is "an instrument incalculable and irreparable."

"We must press for more information," said Mrs. Herbert, and she referred to different items in the accounts which had seemed to her rather extraordinary.

## Bank Overdraft.

"I wonder if you have noticed this item, 'interest on bank overdraft, £150,'" she said. "A considerable sum of money, and you could do a great deal with it. Was it necessary for the society, with a large sum of money, to go to a bank and borrow money?"

A voice: Disagreeable.

Another item quoted by Mrs. Herbert was, "Flag day, cost of supplies £250: amount realised, £150."

The resolution was carried, whereupon Lady Cory moved another calling for the rules of the society to be added to "so as to give the body of members more influence in the work of the society, with the object of adding to its efficiency and energy."

One rule which she suggested was that in the annual report a detailed account of any campaign of propaganda done by the society during the year should be given, mentioning towns and country places visited, and what forms of cruelty were worked against and used by the lecturers in different places."

Her reason for suggesting this rule, said Lady Cory, was that she had many letters from members and keen animal lovers asking why nothing was done in the way of propaganda against stag-hunting "atrocities," and concerning performing animals.

This resolution was also carried, as was another, proposed by Mrs. Philip Scott, which urged that, when a resolution for the annual meeting was rejected by the council as being inadmissible on legal grounds a copy of the legal opinion should be forwarded to the proposer of the resolution.

## 21 YEARS AGO.

## SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended December 31st, 1910.

The rate of the dollar on demand was £s. 10/3/16d.

Lieut. A. Machado, private secretary of a former Governor, was appointed Governor of Macao.

Sir Henry May was appointed Governor of Fiji.

The death occurred at sea of Captain J. Warrack, of the China Navigation Company.

Mr. A. F. Churchill was appointed First Assistant Director of the P.W.D.

## SINO-JAPANESE CLASH.

## ARMOURED TRAIN FIRED UPON.

Peking, Dec. 23. Local headquarters state that during the night the Japanese fired on a Chinese armoured train at Tien-chuan, ten miles westward of Yingkow.

The Chinese returned the fire, and fighting was still proceeding this afternoon.

Headquarters point out that bandits do not possess armoured trains, hence this cannot be classed as the suppression of banditry.—Reuter.

## Operations Conclude.

Tokyo, Dec. 23. Press despatches report that the majority of the Japanese troops, after three days' operations against bandits, have returned to the South Manchuria Railway zone.—Reuter.

Mr. James Magee, known in the Port of London as the "father of the Service," has retired after 40 years as a Customs officer.

## WOMEN'S OCEAN LOVE DRAMA.

## HORSE KEPT IN BIG SWEEP RACE.

Misplaced zeal and the fault of a stable-boy in the capabilities of a racehorse were recently placed on an owner in an awkward predicament.

The horse was Rivalry, which according to the bookmakers' lists had only a 100-to-1 chance of winning the Manchester November Handicap. The owner is Mr. R. Clifford, of the Dower House, Newbury, Berkshire, and the stable-boy is and employed by Captain Macnee, the trainer of Lambourn, Berkshire.

Mr. Clifford had given instructions that Rivalry was to be struck out of the November Handicap and run in the Farewell Handicap at the same Manchester meeting because, while he considered his mare had an excellent chance of winning the latter race, he thought its chances of getting even a place in the big race were 1,000 to 1.

## Stable-boy's Letter.

The stable-boy, however, apparently thought differently, for, as Mr. Clifford declares, he wrote to a number of holders of Rivalry tickets in the Irish Sweepstakes stating that he thought it had a chance of winning the big race only Mr. Clifford would let it run.

One of the persons to whom the stable-boy wrote was Mr. Roland Hinton, who, with four other members of Confisborough, near Doncaster, holds a Rivalry ticket. In his letter to Mr. Hinton the stable-boy says, referring to the horse:

Mr. Clifford says he would let her run in the big race if he had a good offer to do so. He would accept £50 running expenses and

## "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

## Varied Pictures on

There will be a varied display of topical scenes in the *Telegraph* Art Supplement.

Amongst sporting events covered will be the running races, the mixed doubles tennis tournament at the C.R.C., the hockey match between Hongkong ladies and the R.A.M.C., the football match between Hongkong and Canton Chinese teams, and the Rugby game between Kowloon and the Hermes.

The funeral of the late P. C. Morse will be illustrated, whilst other pictures will include groups taken at the R.A.O.C. children's concert party and the German Christmas play.

Several other photographs will go to make up an attractive issue.

10 per cent. of the prize money in a sweep ticket. Will you make an offer?

It would mean your paying £50 to have a chance of winning one of the big prizes less 10 per cent., but otherwise he will not run.

Mr. Hinton regarded the letter as a "fake," and showed it to the police, but Mr. Clifford disclosed that the stable-boy, "in an excess of zeal," had apparently written to a number of ticket holders.

"It was my very definite intention," said Mr. Clifford, "not to run the mare in the November Handicap."

Mr. Clifford said, "I told him that I knew nothing about that letter, and certainly had not made the suggestion contained in it. The man pointed out that if the mare ran it would make a very great difference to him and the other ticket holders, and eventually I agreed to let her take her chance." Rivalry ran and failed to get a place.

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**LADY MEMBERS OF Y.M.C.A.**

**NEW SECTION TO BE STARTED IN 1932.**

The progressive policy of the Hongkong European Y.M.C.A. has never been more clearly defined than in the latest announcement made by the Board of Directors that coincident with the opening of the new West Wing of the building in February next, a Ladies' section of the Association is to be formed.

The ladies will enjoy the privileges of using the swimming bath and social hall which are part of the new wing, while other amenities will also be offered in the way of tea dances and bridge drives. The squash racket courts which are being built adjacent to the new wing will also be available for lady members during certain hours of the day.

The arrangements in this connection which have so far been set out by the Directors are as follows:

Use of the swimming bath on the mornings of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Use of the squash racket courts on each morning excepting Sundays from 10 to 12.

Use of the West lounge every morning from 10 to 12 and in the afternoons from 3 to 6.30, excepting on certain occasions when the Hall may be required for special purposes.

It is proposed to arrange for light refreshments to be obtained in the mornings and teas in the afternoon, while it is also hoped to hold bridge parties and dances. The fee will be \$2.50 monthly, payable in advance.

The Directors have also decided on the charges to be made for the use of the swimming bath for the first year, and have set out a schedule for its use by members, visitors, ladies and children, Services and others.

Mixed bathing, it is stated, will be allowed at times to be stated later.

Mr. E. F. Selk, who has recently been appointed Sports Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., is in charge of the swimming section, and is arranging to give lessons to members desirous of learning to swim.

It is now definitely arranged for the new wing to be officially opened on Tuesday, February 2, when the ceremony will be performed by H.E. the Governor (Sir William Peel).

**GEMS OF PERIL.**

(Continued from Page 3.)

Mary's silence began to eat the edge off the other girl's gushing manner.

"How's Dirk? Seen his mother lately?" Cornelia asked at last. "How is she?"

"All right, I suppose," Mary answered matter-of-factly although she knew the question was meant to scratch. "Call me tomorrow and I'll report. I'm dining there to-night."

"Oh," Cornelia's eyes slipped away evasively. "Well, we'll be seein' you, then. We're coming, too. Ethel's honor, I guess. Nothing formal, you know—just the family."

Mary didn't manage to act so well this time. Her face felt stiff as she smiled goodbye. They were approaching the gates of the Tabor place. Cornelia and her satellite swished off the bus, Ethel casting a provocative glance at the bus-driver as she bounced down the step. It was wasted; he was wiping off the windshield, and seemed unaware of her existence. Driving the bus along "Rotten Row" had made him impervious to flirtation; too many kittenish girls had thrown themselves at his good-looking Irish head from time to time.

Mary seethed with jealousy as the bus ground on toward The Point, where the Jupiter mansion stood.

"Sorry I can't take you up to the door, Miss Mary," the bus-driver said as he let her down.

"Thanks, Bill, I'll be all right," Mary replied, throwing Eddie's coat over her head as she ran up the drive.

As she stood shaking the raindrops off the coat in the entry she thought Spence gave it a second glance. He continued to study it as he took it from her. It had a rather obvious plaid pattern, which seemed to interest him deeply. To her question about Mr. Jupiter, he answered absently.

"He's in the library, playing patience. And you'd best hurry on, he's been asking after you since breakfast. He don't like poker, and none of the chauffeurs plays cribbage. Ah," he broke off—so you know that young man then?"

"What young man?"

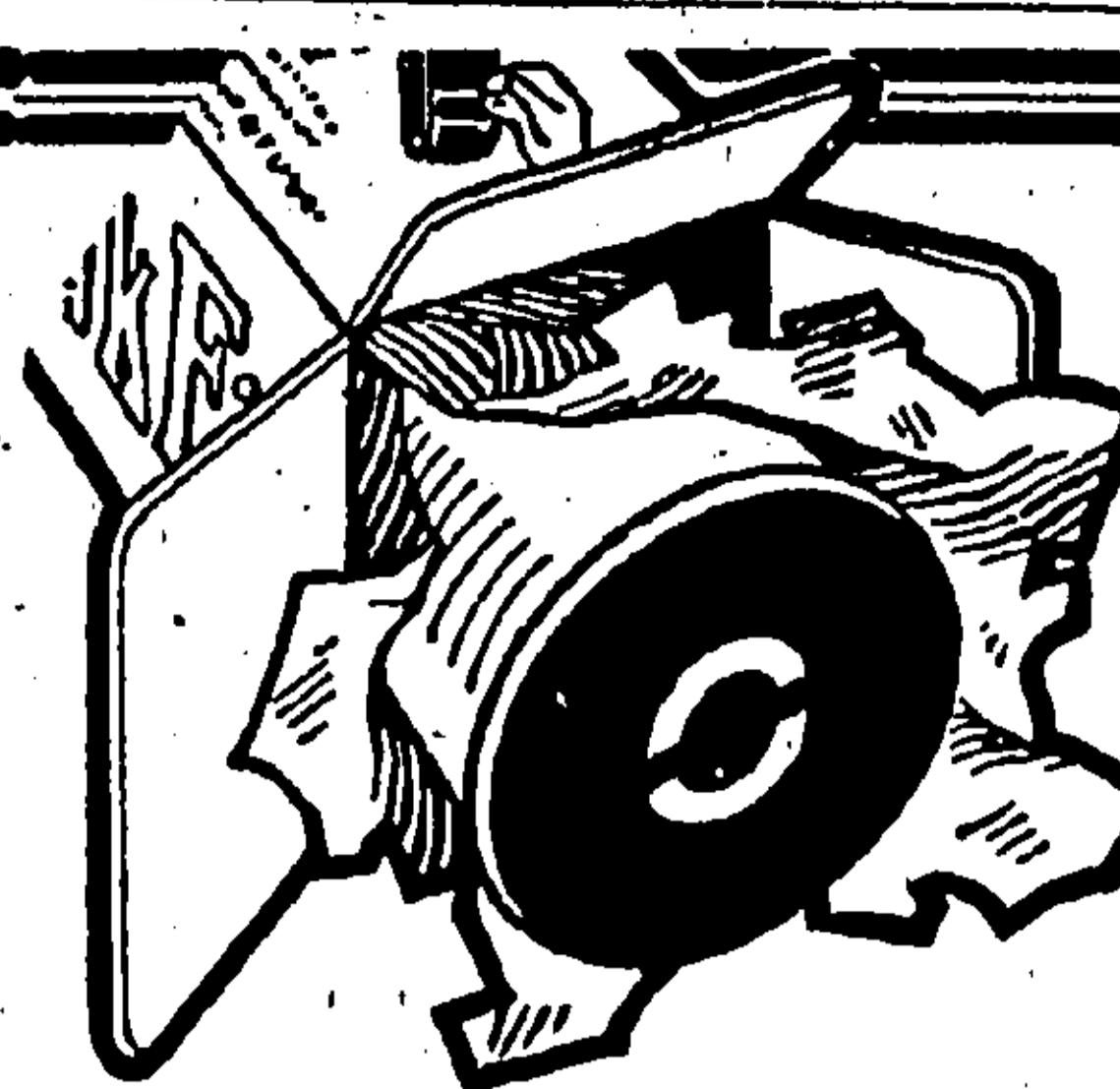
Spence shook the coat angrily.

"The young man who tried to

crash the gate at your party, the night Mrs. Jupiter was killed," he answered. "It's his coat, I'd swear."

Now how did you come by it, Miss Mary, if I may ask?"

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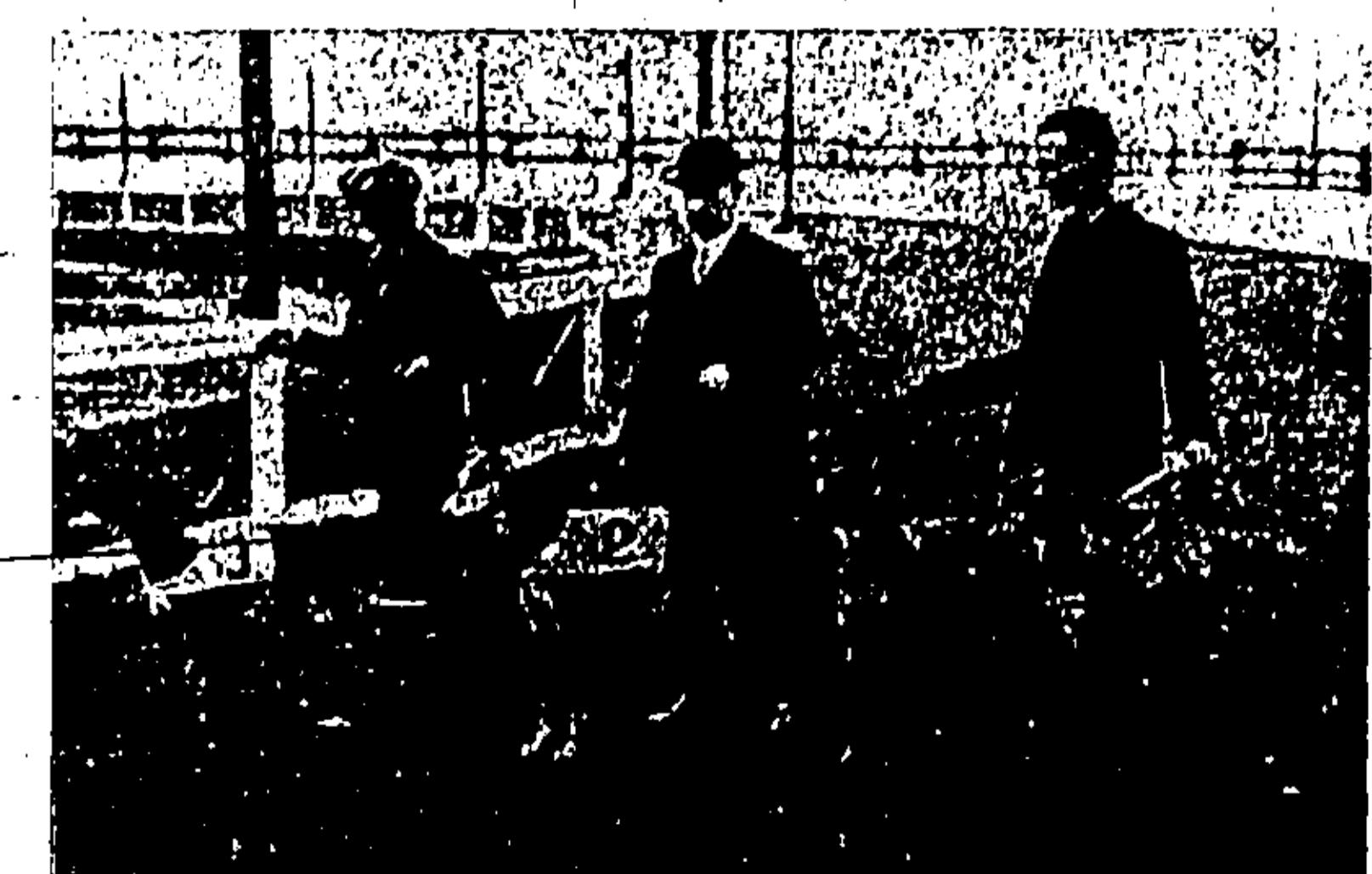
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## NEW R.A.F. FLIGHT

## TOUR OF COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

London, Dec. 23. A tour of the British East African colonies will be made next month by four Royal Air Force Fairey 3F biplanes, under Wing-Commander Harris.

The cruise, of about 9,000 miles, will start from Helipolis, for Cairo, Janelro, Entebbe and there eleven weeks later. The south of Egypt and Sudan and more important towns on route Entebbe in Uganda, Nairobi, Mombasa, and Dar-es-Salaam will be visited, the most southerly tour of the cruise, and Zanzibar.

At Entebbe the flight remains several days practising supply dropping, picking up messengers and other evolutions with the land forces. In Kenya, Nairobi will be the headquarters during twelve days set aside for visits to points in the colony lying within 200 miles or so of the capital, when the District Commissioners and Provincial Governors will fly over parts of their areas difficult of access.

Among the pilots will be Flight Lieutenant Atcherley, the Schneider Trophy hero. *British Wireless.*

## THE CUNARDER.

## LABOUR DEPUTATION TO BOARD OF TRADE.

London, Dec. 23. A deputation representing all the trades affected awaited on the President of the Board of Trade in connexion with the suspension of the work on the new giant Cunard liner.

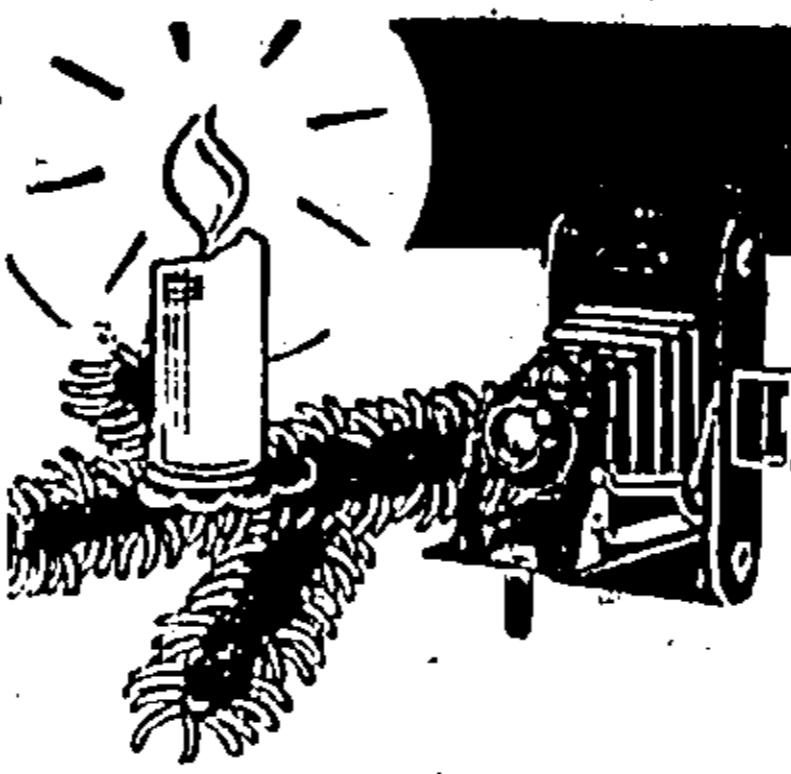
The delegation stressed the need that a special financial arrangement be made by the Government to enable construction to be resumed. It pointed out that 3,500 workers were directly and 7,000 indirectly affected by the stoppage, and it was argued that the prestige and advertisement of national shipbuilding were now at stake.

Sir Charles Hipkin, receiving the delegation in the absence of Mr. Buncman, was unable to make a statement as to the policy of the Government, but said he would reply in due course. *Reuter's Special Service.*

## DUKE OF BRABANT.

## POSTPONEMENT OF VISIT TO JAPAN.

Brussels, Dec. 23. Owing to the political situation in the East, the Duke of Brabant has postponed his visit to Japan, contemplated for March. He proposes instead to visit Indo-China and Madagascar to study the French methods of colonisation. *Reuter's*



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## POLICEMAN TURNS BANDIT.

## HOLDS UP BUS NEAR MACAO.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Macao, Dec. 23. A Chinese policeman attacked and robbed two buses in Chinese territory, wounding two policemen, and a bus-driver, on the night of December 21. The assault occurred at Nam Tai Chung, some six or seven miles along the Macao-Shekki highway from Macao.

It appears that the bus was proceeding from Macao to Koo Hok, when the policeman fired his revolver at one of his colleagues, who happened to be sitting near the driver, and wounded him severely. The next to be hit was the driver, and the third to be fired at was a Chinese policeman who tried to overpower the desperado, and was wounded in the arm.

Not content with robbing the passengers of the bus, the miscreant also held up and robbed a second bus which had then come close to the scene. The wounded were eventually brought to Macao, where they related this extraordinary story.

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**"ALL-OUT" EVENT.**

Boxing, with great skill in one of the most memorable fights ever staged by the Hongkong Boxing Association, Signalman Morris, of H.M.S. Suffolk, last night outpointed A. B. Warne, H.M.S. Hermes, and won the welter-weight championship of the Colony.

The contest went the full 15 rounds, with the boxers all out during the whole fight. Both went to the attack from the initial gong and maintained a whirlwind pace, exchanging lightning blows which kept the huge audience on tenterhooks.

Morris deservedly won, though there was little in it when the judges were called upon to make their decisions. His beautiful defence, coupled with a continual right cross which he employed with great effect every time Warne came in with his crouching attack with the left, earned for him the title, but Warne had every right to feel satisfied with his display.

Both men were in the pink of condition, a fact proved by the tremendous pace which was set and maintained, but both lacked K.O. punches and it was fairly obvious that unless one succeeded in registering a lucky blow, the full distance would be covered.

**Aggressive Defence.**

Morris scored the majority of his points by means of his aggressive defence. His willingness to allow Warne to indulge in most of the attacking must have been puzzling to his opponent, for on occasions when it appeared that the Hermes man had his adversary within reach, Morris would counter with some remarkably fine lefts and a wicked right which crossed and passed the A.B.'s defence time after time.

Though neither took a great deal of punishment, the boxing was clever and at intervals pretty to watch. Warne left the impression that he would have been far more effective had he adopted a less open form of attack. His crouch and lead left himself a rare target for the wily Morris, and this nearly proved the loser's undoing in the eighth round, when the Suffolk man rocked him with a terrific right and a pair of jolting jabs. The effect, however, was but momentary, and Warne returned to assume an offensive which forced Morris to box at his best.

The verdict was well received, and when Mr. R. M. Dyer placed the belt around Morris's waist, it was announced, amid cheers, that Morris had accepted a challenge from A. B. Shepherd, of H.M.S. Cumberland, to contest the middleweight title of Hongkong.

**The Other Events.**

In addition to the main event, which gave spectators full value, the Boxing Association again succeeded in staging a series of second-rate fights which left everyone satisfied.

A. B. Thomas (130 lbs.) of H.M.S. Suffolk, outpointed Pte. Roberts (135 lbs.) of the S. W. Borderers in a six-rounds feather-weight match, which was featured by the fireworks display of both men. Thomas was the better boxer and earned the decision on the superior ring-fight and clever use of his feet and hands.

A ruling by Referee Murdoch that A. B. Long, of H.M.S. Kent, had hit too low and was therefore

disqualified, brought a useful bout between him and A. B. Judge, of the Cornwall, to an abrupt conclusion, though Judge was holding a lead on points at the time and was obviously gaining advantage. The contestants punched with whole-hearted freedom and both took a good deal of punishment.

Stating that he was suffering from an injured arm, L. S. Hall of Cumberland, gave up his fight with L. S. Davies, of H.M.S. Hermes, in the second round of a six-round event. Up to that time the honours had been fairly evenly shared.

**Chased Round Ring.**

Chased all round the ring, Stoker Jobbins, of H.M.S. Medway, lost to A. B. Baldwin, of the Hermes, the referee stopping the fight. Baldwin had his opponent on tenter-hooks from the start and by the fifth round had him running round in small circles.

An unscientific bout resulted from the meeting of Stoker Harry of H.M.S. Kent, and A. B. Waterhouse, of Cumberland, and although Harry was awarded the decision on points, the fight could not be regarded with any great satisfaction. Both went out to hit or miss and they generally missed, although towards the closing rounds, Harry discovered some vulnerable spots on his opponent's body and piled up sufficient points to secure the verdict.

Following a police court conviction, the name of Dr. Horatio W. J. Steen, of Warwick-square, S.W., has been struck off the Medical Register.

**LEAGUE CRICKET.**

**R.E. AND R.S. DEFEAT THE R.A.S.C.**

The R. E. and R. Signals defeated the R.A.S.C., who were one man short, in a second division cricket match yesterday, played at Sankunpo, by 97 runs to 48. Sig. Williams took 7 wickets for 27 runs. Scores: R.E. and R.C.S.

Cpl. Meehan, l.b.w. b Gray	2
Sgt. Williams, c & b Gray	19
Lt. Ebwani, run out	2
Lt. Anstruther, b Gray	0
Cpl. Skinner c Gray, b Reynolds	25
Lt. Col. Maraden, b Whitley	19
Cpl. Saunders, b Whitley	0
Sgt. Williams, c Reynolds, b Whitley	5
Sgt. Chaffey, not out	6
S. C. Jordan, b Whitley	4
L/Cpl. Higgins, c Funnel, b Gray	11
Extras	4
Total	97

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Whitley ..... 15 7 43 4
Gray ..... 10.4 3 30 4
Reynolds ..... 5 1 11 1
R.A.S.C.
Pamplin, b Williams ..... 1
Adamson, b Williams ..... 1
Gray, b Williams ..... 7
Whitley, b Williams ..... 4
Skipp, b Williams ..... 0
Reynolds, not out ..... 10
Funnel, b Meahan ..... 17
Buckland, b Meahan ..... 0
Spain, b Williams ..... 0
Wedge, b Williams ..... 0
Beresford, absent ..... 0
Extras ..... 8
Total ..... 48

Bowling Analysis.

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Williams ..... 7.5 1 27 7
Anstruther ..... 3 1 7 1
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## CHIANG MAY YET RETURN.

## LEADERS TO ASK HIM TO RENEW ACTIVITIES.

Nanking, Dec. 23.

Dr. C. C. Wu has been appointed Chairman of the Special Foreign Affairs Commission, which is considered a step towards the Foreign Ministry.

Reports are current that the Canton and Nanking Kuomintang leaders intend to petition Chiang Kai-shek to return to the capital to take an active part in the new Government. A delegation will probably proceed to Fengtian to persuade Chiang Kai-shek to emerge from his retirement.—Reuter.

## New Government.

Nanking, Dec. 23.

There is a distinct possibility of the return to power in Nanking of the Kuomintang Conservatives, Leftists and the Western Hills clique leaders to control the five Councils and the leading Kuomintang Committees.

The departure of Chiang Kai-shek and his statement declining to accept re-election signifies the determination of the Chekiang Kuomintang clique to give the Cantonese leaders an opportunity to reorganise the Government.

The Cantonese leaders are confident that both Messrs. Hu Han-min and Wang Ching-wei will agree to come to Nanking at the earliest opportunity to take over the reins of government, and political gossips state that either Mr. Wang Ching-wei or Mr. Hu Han-min will be elected President of the Executive Council and Mr. Sun Fo vice-President of the Executive Council, and concurrently successor to Mr. T. V. Soong in the Finance Ministry.

The Western Hill Party will not be left out, in view of their support of the Southern Government in Canton, which has been instrumental in forcing the resignation of Chiang Kai-shek. Mr. Chow Lu, one of the recognised leaders of the Western Hills clique, will probably be elected as Minister of Railways, a post formerly held by Mr. Sun Fo.

Mr. Li Wen-fan, a Conservative leader and Mr. Hu Han-min's secretary, will be elected head of the Ministry of Communications, a portfolio which Mr. Wang Po-chun, a follower of Chiang Kai-shek, has been holding since 1928.

## The Foreign Minister.

Mr. Chen Kung-poh, a Kuomintang Leftist leader and a journalist, orator and powerful writer, may be assigned to head the Ministry of Industry following the resignation of Chiang Kai-shek's relative, Mr. H. H. Kung, from this post a couple of days ago.

Because of the Manchurian tension the Government leaders are giving serious attention to the appointment of the new Foreign Minister to succeed Mr. Wellington Koo, who has resigned. Mr. Eugene Chen, who has been mentioned as the Cantonese choice for this post, has left for Shanghai and is representing the Fourth Congress in a conference with Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

## Effect at Geneva.

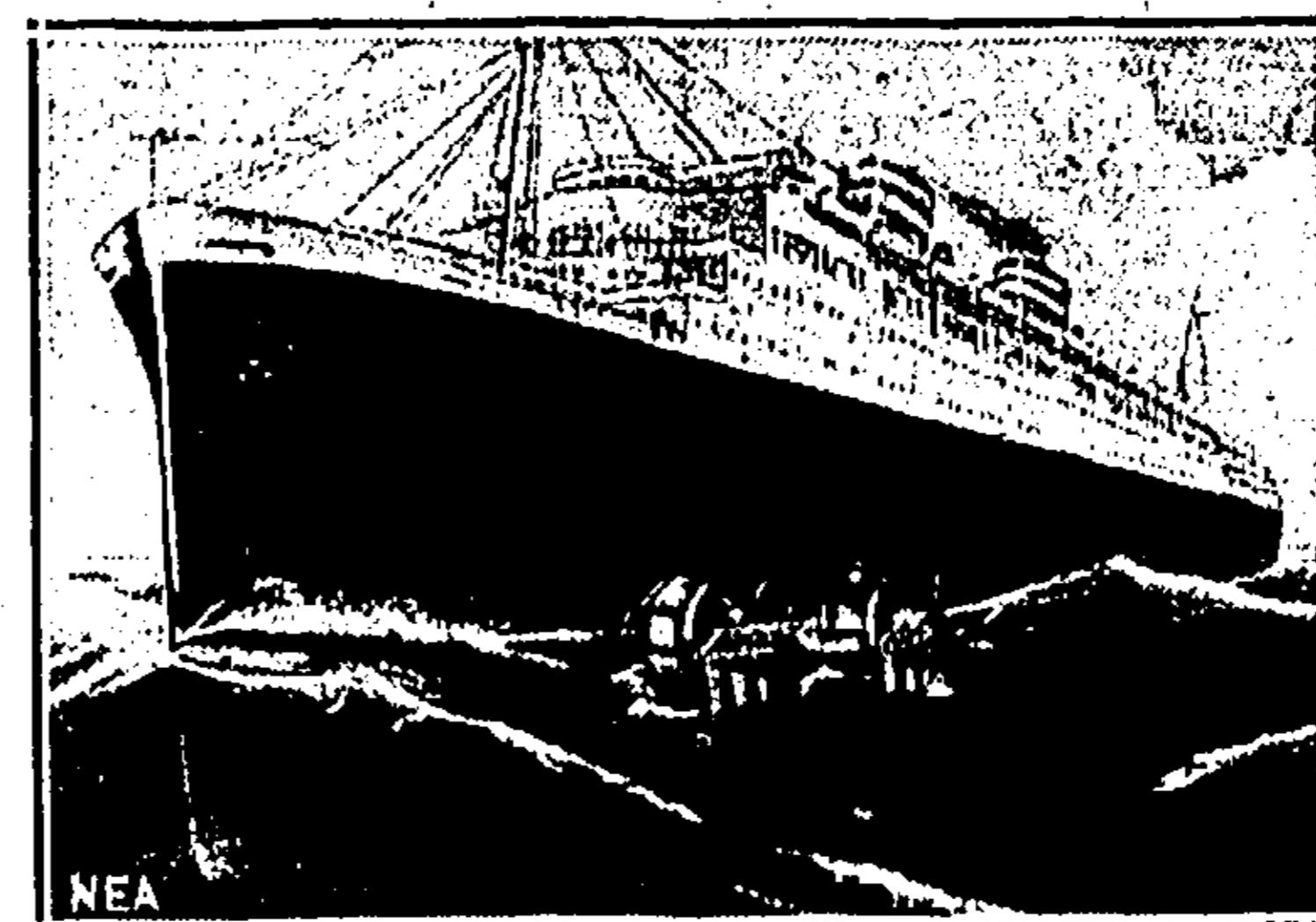
Shortly after Chiang Kai-shek's departure for Fengtian, the Government received a telegram from Mr. Alfred Sze, the Chinese Minister to London and the Nanking spokesman at Geneva, tendering his resignation to the Foreign Office. His resignation has been

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY AT VOLUNTEER H.Q.

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## No Military Changes.

Volunteer Headquarters were the scene of a happy gathering of some 200 British children yesterday afternoon, who were entertained to a Christmas treat.

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In the centre was a Christmas tree, which, large as it was, could not hold all the gifts brought by Father Christmas, complete in the traditional red dress, cowl and with venerable whiskers. There was a gift for each child present, and the ensemble, laid out on two long forms, made a glittering spectacle which must have dazzled the eyes and brought joy to the hearts of the young folk.

The fancy dress parade brought into evidence a number of colourful and original costumes.

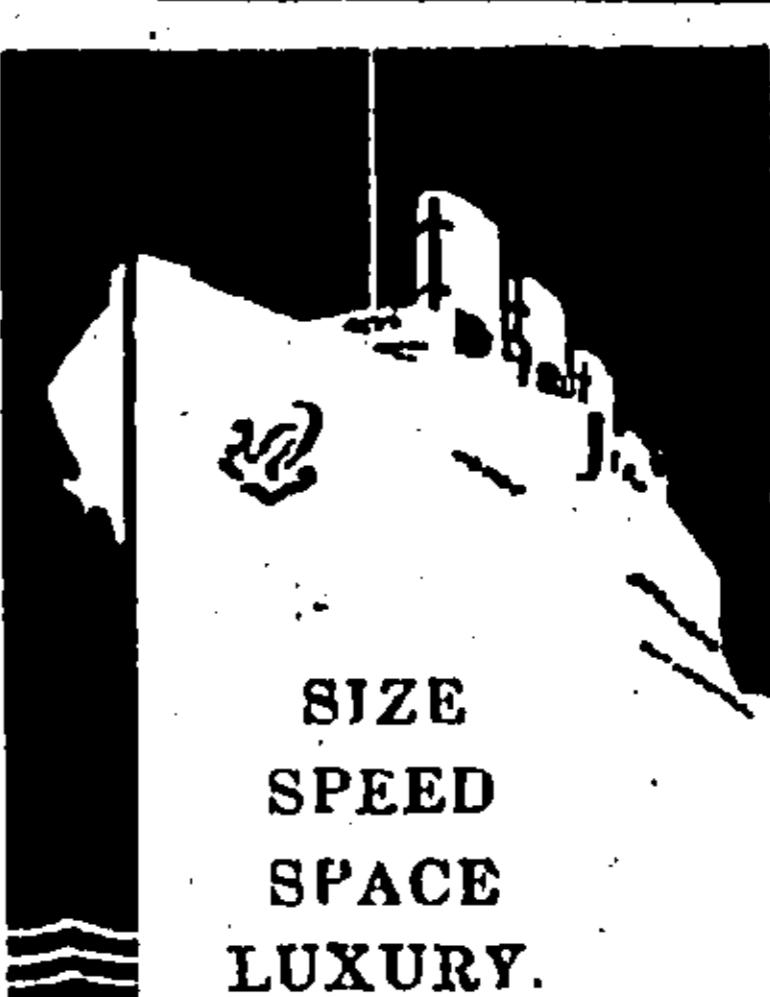
Lady Peel, who was accompanied by Mr. Tufton, Private Secretary to H. E. The Governor, visited the party during the afternoon and performed the difficult task of judging the costumes.

## Gen. Chen Ming-shu's Part.

Outwardly General Chen Ming-shu was the representative of Chiang Kai-shek in his recent negotiations with Canton, but to inside observers General Chen Ming-shu, as the officer commanding the Nineteenth Route armies in Kiangsi, holds the key to the position between the South and North. So far he remains more or less neutral.

Admiral Yang Shu-chuang, the head of the Navy, will remain in his post. Unlike those of other countries the Navy in China does not play any great role in the shaping of national politics. The Army has and will continue to be the dominating factor.

**Election Procedure.**  
The Cantonese leaders are devoting their full attention to the preparation for the coming general election at the conclusion of the Fourth Congress. It is suggested that the Canton and Nanking civilians elect two candidates each for the post of President of the National Government, to permit the Congress members to choose one candidate. Both sides have also agreed to permit the nine executive officials elected by



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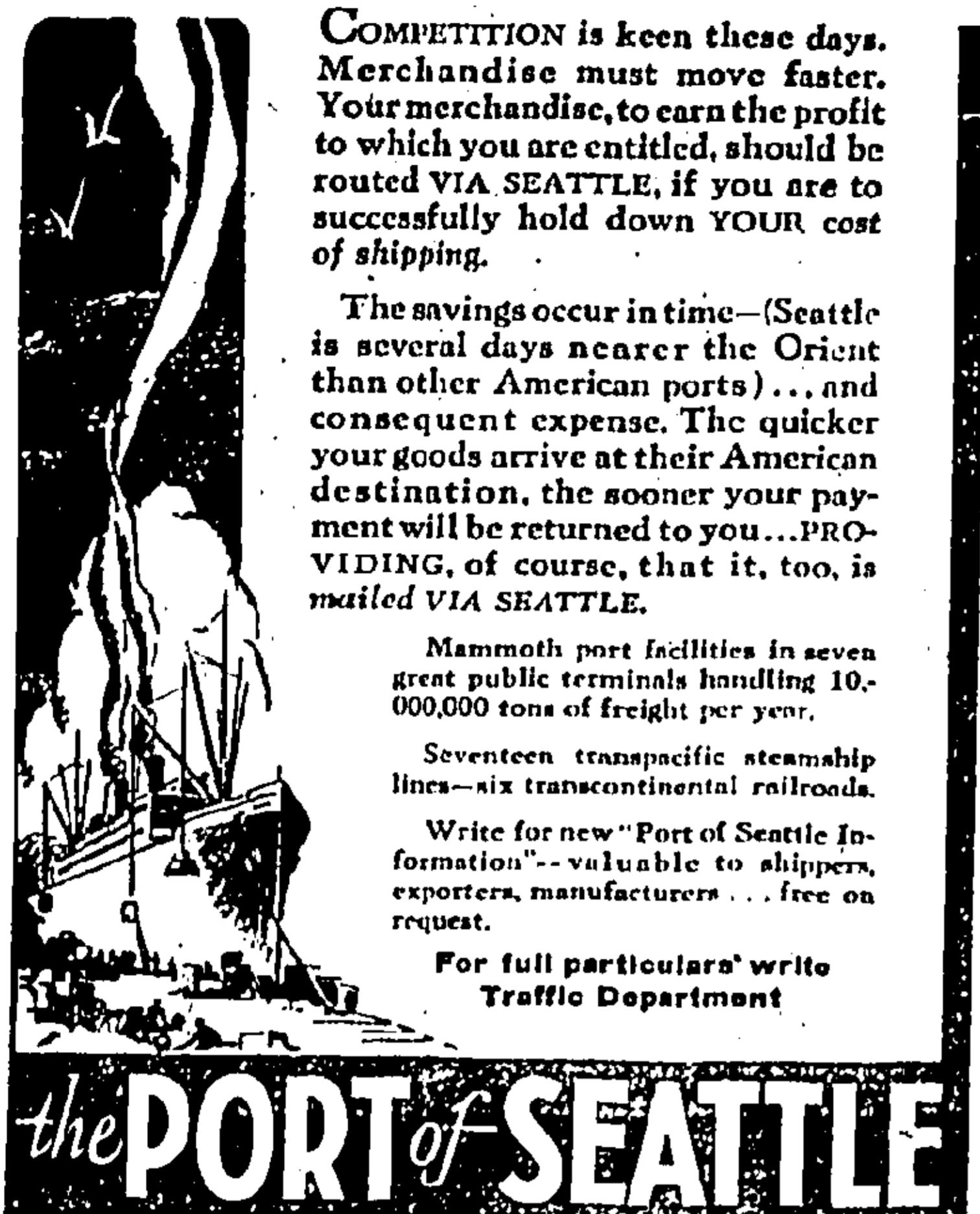
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having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. Goods not cleared by the 28th December, 1931, at 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns where they will be examined on the 24th December, 1931, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, Hongkong.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No fire insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JACCA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.  
General Agents.

CHINESE NEW YEAR.

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attraction in the Chinese annual fair is expected to flourish this year as it did in the Central District on previous occasions. Because of the mild weather and the fact that the Cantonese are prohibited from observing the old date, there is a distinct possibility that an unusually large quantity of flowers and plants will be imported from Canton. In consequence of this prices may be low.

Winter Festival.

The Winter Festival which fell yesterday was observed by the Chinese community with customary rites. This is one of the four main periodical festivals, marked by dinner entertainments in the shops and residences. The Winter Festival, like the Moon Festival and the Dragon Boat Festival,

### CONSIGNEES' NOTICE

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Arrived Hongkong on Wednesday, the 23rd December, 1931, from MARSEILLES &c.

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Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival will be subject to rent.

All claims must be sent to the undersigned before the Thursday, the 31st December, 1931, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's Surveyor Master—Goddard and Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 29th December, 1931. Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined by the Company's surveyor.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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Agent

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1931.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and a Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th December, 1931, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 11th January 1932, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods will be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 24th December, 1931, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

To comply with the general Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No fire insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1931.

### 5-YEAR PLAN.

#### RUSSIA'S RULERS DRAW ROSY PICTURE.

Moscow, Dec. 22. Attended with due ceremony, the new session of the Central Executive Committee (Parliament) opened in the historic Kremlin.

A rosy picture of Soviet Russia was painted by various speakers with declarations that the Five Year Plan will be paradoxically completed in four years. Reuter.

has no religious significance, although on such occasions the Chinese generally offer sacrifices. On account of its being non-religious in character, the Winter Festival is not prohibited by the Chinese Government.

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## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

### OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

The opening was somewhat quiter this morning, with scarcely any change in the rates except Trams, which were marked up to \$21 1/2.

### Sales.

Rankes, \$1,480.  
Providents (old), \$5.35.  
Cements (combined), \$10.30.  
Hotels (old), \$16.90/\$15.35.  
Telephones, (part paid), \$28 1/2.  
Ropes, \$18 1/2.

### Buyers.

Douglasines, \$25.  
Wharves, \$168.  
Hotels (old), \$15.30.  
Hotels (new), \$14 1/2.  
Chinex, Estates, \$95.  
H.K. Electrics, \$77 1/2.  
Cements (combined), \$10.30.  
Gumbers (old), \$12 1/2.  
Anusen, \$10.  
Union Waterworks, \$24.  
Providents (old), \$5.30.  
Providents (new), \$2.35.  
H.K. Lands, \$81.  
Trams, \$21 1/2.  
Telephones (part paid), \$29.  
H.K. Ropes, \$18.  
Dairy Farms, \$28 1/2.  
Watsons, \$16.  
Constructions (old), \$5.55.  
Constructions (new), \$1.00.

### Sellers.

Banks, \$1,500.

Raubs, \$40.

### ADMIRAL'S FATE.

### 50ft. FALL FROM HOTEL WINDOW.

London, Nov. 26. Vice-Admiral Richard Hyde was found dead early yesterday morning in the road outside an hotel in Courtfield-wards, Kensington, S.W., in which he had been staying. He was wearing pyjamas and a dressing gown, and had apparently fallen 50ft. from his bedroom window on the fourth floor.

His wife and step-daughter, who were sleeping in the next room to his, knew nothing of the tragedy till they were awakened by the manageress of the hotel.

Admiral Hyde, who had been staying at the hotel for about two months, recently had a number of teeth extracted, but was otherwise in good health. A friend who was with him the previous evening described him as "very jolly, happy, and normal."

Admiral Hyde was 50, and entered the Navy in 1886. He became a captain in 1912, served in the Grand Fleet during the war, and was in North Russia in 1918 and 1919. He was appointed captain of Devonport Dockyard in 1920, and retired in 1922. Since his retirement he had lived at Folkestone until he came to London about two months ago.

## KWANGSI MAKES PROGRESS.

### GREAT STRIDES IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

### PEACEFUL PROVINCE

Wuchow, Dec. 18.

Two foreigners, who recently returned from a 3,600-ft. trip through Kwangsi Province, journeying as far north-west as Pank-shik, give an interesting summary of business and travelling conditions in this portion of South China.

Although the water of the West River is fairly low, there are only two places in the long stretch of 1,000 ft. between Wuchow and Nanning so shallow that motor-boats have to unload their cargo and passengers, and be poled, hauled, or lifted by the crew into deeper water.

Several motor-boat companies are maintaining regular, scheduled service between Wuchow and Nanning, the capital of the Province. River traffic is fairly brisk, with motor-boats leaving every day or two from Wuchow for the trip westward. In spite of the unfavourable conditions caused by low water, exposed rocks, dangerous whirlpools and rapids—all of which contribute to making night travel impractical—the distance from Wuchow to Nanning may be covered in from four days to a week.

### Anti-Pirate Precautions.

At present a Chinese gunboat is patrolling the West River and the military authorities of the various cities along the water-way are co-operating in keeping the river free from brigands and pirates.

These precautions prove that the military and civil authorities are making a conscientious endeavour to stop the operations of robber bands, who formerly terrorized certain sections of the West River.

On the Wuchow to Kong-hau run, there is a daily tow-boat service up and down the river, two boats leaving both terminals every day. Nightly connexions may be at Kong-hau for Kwai-uen.

The motor road which runs from Kwai-uen to Nanning, approximately 500 ft. in length, is in a fairly good state of repair, and the distance between the two cities may be covered by motor car in six hours. A well-organized bus company operates a daily bus, running on schedule over this route. The Nanning Postal Commissioner has recently entered into contract with the bus company, under the conditions of present no Communistic bands which all first-class mail matter operating in the north-western for Nanning and points west, are part of Kwangsi.

On a whole, the Province presents the most peaceful conditions that it has enjoyed for some arrangement makes it possible for years, all of which is a glowing compliment to the present Government.

### Road Construction.

According to the Reconstruction Commissioner of Kwangsi, Mr. Wong Wing-wa, whose head office is at Nanning, Kwangsi Province is making great strides in the project of road construction which has been undertaken. Beginning with the New Year, a new road connecting Nanning with Lung-chow will be completed and buses will be running. Mr. Wong is pushing a road through from Pank-shik, south-eastward to Nanning, and at present gangs of workmen are building bridges along the proposed highway. It is said that the road programme also includes the construction of a roadway to connect Nanning with Pakhol, which would open up a shorter route to Hongkong and other coastal cities.

The business men and residents in general of Nanning have apparently overcome the results of the disastrous siege which befell the city in 1930 and during the early part of this year. At that time the prosperous and commercially important city was the bone of contention fought for by the Kwangsi, Cantonese, and Yunnanese arm's. Sited as it is at the gateway of the west, Nanning is an important link in the commercial chain which connects Hongkong, Canton, and the import trade as a whole.

Nanning Restoration.

During this military campaign, the Kwangsi generals entrenched at Nanning decided to hold the city at all costs and although at that time much of the city was demolished by Cantonese and Yunnanese air-raids and cannonading, the work of rehabilitating the destroyed streets and buildings is slowly reaching completion.

The Soony and A.P.C. and other large concerns are doing a brisk trade, and the shops on the streets have taken advantage of the peaceful conditions prevailing.

Northwest from Nanning, 800 ft. situated on the righthand branch of the West River, lies the city of Pank-shik. A fleet of 18 motor-boats ply between the two cities, requiring from one to two weeks for the trip, depending on the depth of the water. Pank-shik is only 100 ft. from the Province of Yunnan, and the borders of French Indo-China may be reached by walking overland three or four days.

### Peaceful Province.

During the ent're trip of 2,000 ft. which required 25 days to complete, no bandits were encountered, and only on one occasion was a military escort necessary. As far as could be learned by enquiry there are at present no Communistic bands in the Province.

On a whole, the Province

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Berlin	14 1/2	14 1/2
Oslo	18 1/2	18 1/2
Helsingfors	240	240
Athens	250	250
Caracas	44	44
Shanghai	1/11 1/2	1/11 1/2
New York	104 1/2	104 1/2
London	87 1/2	87 1/2
Vienna	28	28
Madrid	40 1/2	40 1/2
Bucharest	570	570
Hongkong	1/5 1/2	1/5 1/2
Brussels	24 1/2	24 1/2
Milan	67 1/2	67 1/2
Copenhagen	104	104
Prague	115	115
Lisbon	109 1/2	109 1/2
Bio	44	44
Bombay	1/10 1/2	1/10 1/2
Vancouver	87 1/2	87 1/2
Montevideo	81 1/2	81 1/2

### SUGAR MARKET.

#### THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treat and Co.

London Terminal.

New York Terminal.

March 1932 1.06 no change.

May 1932 1.12 up 1 pt.

July 1932 1.17 no change.

Sep. 1932 1.23 up 1 pt.

Dec. 1932 1.30 up 1 pt.

Market closed.

New York Terminal.

March 1932 1.06 no change.

May 1932 1.12 up 1 pt.

July 1932 1.17 no change.

Sep. 1932 1.23 up 1 pt.

Dec. 1932 1.30 up 1 pt.

Market closed.

New York Terminal.

March 1932 1.17 1/2

May 1932 1.25 1/2

July 1932 1.32 1/2

Sep. 1932 1.40 1/2

Dec. 1932 1.48 1/2

Market closed.

New York Terminal.

March 1932 1.17 1/2

May 1932 1.25 1/2

July 1932 1.32 1/2